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Sat 1430	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Sun 0030	WRMI	9495	[may be previous 1729]
Sun 0130	KVOH	9975	[NEW!]
Mon 0300v	WBCQ	5110v-CUSB	Area 51
Mon 2100	WRMI	15770	[NEW; may join late or be 1729]
Tue 1100	WRMI	9955	[still with France via Taiwan QRM?]
Wed 0630	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Wed 1315	WRMI	9955	
Wed 1430	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Wed 2100	WBCQ	7490v	
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Tnx to Dr Harald Gabler and the Rhein-Main Radio Club.
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** ALASKA. KBBI: HOMER'S OLDEST RADIO STATION
By MICHAEL ARMSTRONG STAFF WRITER
Posted: July 9, 2014 - 1:14pm
<http://homernews.com/homer-features/backyard/2014-07-09/kbbi-homers-oldest-radio-station>

Homer News file photo: In June 1988, KBBI programming director Susan Kernes, left, holds the shovel while development director Cathy Thomas, right, shows Sen. Paul Fischer, R-Soldotna, center left, and Rep. Mike Navarre, D-Kenai, center right, where to break ground for KBBI's new Kachemak Way studio. [caption]

Forty-five years ago humans first walked on the moon. By 1979, it is hard to believe that with advances in science and technology, including satellite broadcasts, Homer didn't have a radio station. A live broadcast on Aug. 4, 1979, changed all that when Beverly Munro,

one of the founding members of Kachemak Bay Broadcasting Inc., walked up to a microphone in the old Homer High School gym, and said, *îThis is KBBI, Homer, Alaska, signing on the air.î*

That was one small step for a woman and one giant leap for a community. Homer was on the air. KBBI broadcast its first show in a big party at what is now Homer Middle School. Skybird, a local band, played the KBBI theme song, with music following by Hobo Jim, Atz and Nedra Kilcher, and others. Fellow founding member Kevin Hogan, a fisherman, spun the first record, *îSeems Like a Long Time,î* by Brewer and Shipley. Not quite sure if the radio broadcast worked, some in the audience went out and tuned in on their car radios to be sure.

The KBBI studio was across Lake Street from Spenard Builders Supply. Its antenna was out on the Homer Spit. *îThe antenna was basically a wire strung between two poles,î* Hogan said.

Hogan got the idea to start a radio station after he moved up to Homer in 1974. He had been a reporter and journalism major in college at Evergreen State College, Olympia, Wash., and did a story on its radio station, KAOS. Driving up the Alaska Highway, he'd been impressed by the Canadian radio stations.

îThe need to be able to get marine weather reports ó that was a big deal at the time,î Hogan said. *îIt was not easy to get it.î*

In 1975, he and Munro started working on getting a station. Kachemak Bay Broadcasting Inc. got its incorporation papers in late 1976. Seed money came from the Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission. Not everyone in Homer wanted a radio station, particularly one with a local news program. Hogan said some Homer City Council members and city officials were against KBBI.

îThere was a fair amount of skepticism and opposition,î he said.

Officially, KBBI wasn't Homer's first radio station. That honor went to Cap King, who had a low-power station in Fritz Creek back in the 1950s, said former general manager Gary Thomas. KBBI also was in a race with KGTL, the commercial radio station still owned by Dave and Eileen Becker, to broadcast first in Homer, Thomas said. KGTL got its license first, but went on the air in September 1979. KBBI also had another first in 1979: on Aug. 13 it broadcast live its first Homer City Council meeting.

Fairly quickly KBBI moved into a studio on Federal Aviation Administration land in what is now the Town Center property owned by Cook Inlet Region Inc. It moved its antenna there, too. In late 1979, carpenter Larry Smith organized a volunteer crew to add on a building

to a shed at the site.

That volunteer spirit has been the heart of KBBI, Thomas said. *KBBI was born out of community interest and community support,* Thomas said.

The Town Center studio was KBBI's home until 1991. Dave Anderson, now KBBI's general manager since 2004, started at KBBI as volunteer disc jockey in 1981 and later worked as the weekend operations guy. The old studio didn't have indoor plumbing, and for a while had an outdoor privy.

I'm sure I wasn't the only one who stepped outside to use the toilet and then realized, "Damn it. I locked myself out of the building," Anderson said.

The building on Kachemak Way was dedicated in March 1991, and to commemorate indoor plumbing, Gov. Steve Cowper signed the studio's old toilet seat. Other changes included a permanent tower site off East End Road, moving the station's broadcast frequency to 890 AM and doubling the power from 5,000 watts to 10,000 watts. All of that made KBBI's signal clearer and able to reach farther, about a 50-mile radius.

In 2003, KBBI formed a partnership with KDLR Public Radio in Kenai. KDLR gets satellite broadcasts from KBBI, and the stations also share a news department.

KBBI had briefly explored getting an FM stereo signal, but dropped the idea when the board decided that money could be spent on other projects like equipment upgrades and boosting its social media presence.

In its 35 years, KBBI has overcome that historic skepticism. *I think it served the community well,* Hogan said, *I think it's been a positive addition.*

Looking ahead, Anderson said it's hard to predict the changing media landscape. *We're here for the long haul,* he said. *We just want to be able to provide the news, entertainment and emergency response the community has come to depend on us for.*

KBBI 890 AM Public Radio

First broadcast live from the Homer High School Gym:
6 p.m., Aug. 4, 1979, then broadcast on 1250 AM

First words, by founding member Beverly Munro:

iTThis is KBBI, Homer, Alaska, signing on the air.î

First general manager:

Pete Carran

First music:

The KBBI theme song, written and performed by Homer band Skybird, followed by music from Hobo Jim, The Fiddleheads, Atz and Nedra Kilcher, and Kristin Kaufman and Jim Reinhart.

First recording played:

îSeems Like a Long Timeî by Brewer and Shipley

First news director:

Randi Somers

First Homer City Council live broadcast:

Aug. 13, 1979

First studio:

Lake Street, across from Spenard Builders Supply

Second studio:

Federal Aviation Administration shed addition, now the Cook Inlet Region Inc. property in the Town Center.

Third studio dedicated:

March 30, 1991, on Kachemak Way

Most recent antenna built:

1987 on East End Road, became 890 AM.

Volunteers trained since 1979:

About 700

First 24-hour programming:

Spring 1998 (via Dennis Gibson, ABDX via DXLD)

** ALASKA. 7355, KNLS at 1226, English, oldie pop song îYou're the Only Womanî, 1227 îThe English Expressî program looking at the phrase ithe once overî - Good July 12 Sellers-BC

9655, KNLS at 1044, English, item on positive thinking followed by îProfiles in Christian Musicî - Good July 12 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, listening in my car by the lake with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALBANIA [and non]. See IRAN [and non]. 9845, July 13 at 0135 check,

R. Tirana in the clear with fair signal vs summer noise level.

9842 approx., July 13 at 0106 while hearing Iran on 9845, I meant to mention there was also ute hash QRM from the lo side, continuous except for split-second breaks ñ something I've yet to hear after 0130 when Tirana is on, and hope I never do (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. 15344.40, RAE, Jul 14 1326-1343, 34433-33433, Spanish, Talk and music, ID at 1341.

15344.45, RAE, Jul 04 1211-1220, 35433, Portuguese, Talk and music, ID at 1215 and 1219 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. [Re 14-28:] ``2368.48, Radio Symban (presumed), 1242-1256, July 9. After daily monitoring here, finally had audio level that confirms they are carrying Greek music; clearly not Radio LMS (The Voice of Le Manamea Samoa) with Samoan music; my local sunrise was 1257 UT, so as expected, reception only possible just before my sunrise. Very nice to hear their Greek music again, even with a lot of QRN, summertime static . . .``

July 10, heard Radio Symban as early as 1210, again with Greek music/singing. Weak, but definitely them for two days in a row.

2368.48, Radio Symban. July 11 not heard; not even an open carrier. Must depend upon good propagation for reception (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 3210, Vintage FM(?), seemed to have an open carrier at 1247, July 11; below threshold level; never any audio. Testing?

Regarding possible reactivation of Craig's transmitter on 5050 - Will now face an additional problem with Radio Rebelde being heard July 11, at 1217 on 5049.2, which today was causing a slight het on 5050.0 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DX LISTENING DIGEST) That was only once so far (gh, DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. AUSTRALIA, 4835, VL8A, Alice Springs, Territ.º do Norte, 2215-2229, 14/7, inglís, notícias; 34332, QRM de PRU.

4910, VL8T, Tennant Creek, Territ.º do Norte, 2217-2226, 13/7, inglís, texto; 24321, QRM adj. do B 4915 e da CHN 4905.

5025, VL8K, Katherine, Territ.º do Norte, 2222-2230, 13/7, inglís,

texto; 24331, QRM de PRU 5024.9 e, pontualmente, de sinal em BLS. 73
(Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. THE PHILOSOPHERS' ZONE - ABC Radio National
The Emotional Lives of Animals

Do animals actually feel things as we do? This question has been the source of much philosophical debate, and the history of western philosophy has had various answers: from Pythagoras, the first animal-friendly philosopher, to Descartes who had his doubts that non-humans felt anything at all. Now the scientific data is pushing the debate, and opening up new ethical concerns. If animals suffer, then don't we owe them more than we've been prepared to give? (25')
<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/philosopherszone/the-emotional-lives-of-animals/5547048>

FUTURE TENSE - ABC Radio National
Perspectives on the Power of Provocation

The provocation has long been a tool of intellectual discussion - a way of forcing people to question their existing beliefs and find new ways forward. To truly provoke, of course, relies on one's ability to shock. It also relies on the propensity of those you're trying to provoke to find the subject of your provocation truly provocative. No small task in the current media environment, where post-modernism, rampant commercialism and the 24-hour media cycle have emptied the cupboard of society's norms, niceties and taboos. In this show we hear a variety of perspectives on the power of the modern provocation.

Among our guests is a poet, a professor, a PR practitioner and a philosopher. (29')

<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/futuretense/june-29th-segment/5548814>
(John Figliozzi, podding along issue 3, July 11, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. RADIO AUSTRALIA FIRST UP FOR JOB CUTS AS ABC
RESTRUCTURES | The Australian

The news isn't good out of Australia:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/media/radio-australia-first-up-for-job-cuts-as-abc-restructures/story-e6frg996-1226987529373?nk=7d8154a439ce8b368b1d183dfd3416f2>
(via Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, July 14, Swprograms mailing list via WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DXLD) Viz.:

Radio Australia first up for job cuts as ABC restructures
| The Australian | July 14, 2014 12:00AM
Michael Bodey, Media and Entertainment Writer, Sydney

THE ABC will confirm a wave of job cuts today, with Radio Australia's

services the first major victim.

A management proposal for a new, converged service, for its international broadcasting outlets will be outlined to staff today as the ABC rearranges its overseas obligations after the axing of the Australia Network television service.

Staff at Radio Australia fear tens of jobs will go from it and the Australia Network, and they expect a number of its services within the region to be abandoned as the public broadcaster's \$35 million annual budget for international broadcasting, which was a combination of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's \$20m annual budget for the Australia Network and RA's \$15m, contracts to approximately \$15m.

These job cuts will be on top of a number of redundancies for Australia Network staff and the closing of its transmission in September, after only one year of its 10-year contract with DFAT to deliver the service.

Radio Australia will feel the squeeze as ongoing funding for TV's international obligations are grabbed from the ABC's international radio and online service. A number of RA's language services are expected to be axed.

The ABC News 24 channel is expected to become the foundation of the international service, with some specialised news and current affairs content featuring on the service.

It is not known whether ABC News 24 will expand its broadcast reach through the Asia-Pacific region in lieu of Australia Network or whether the Radio Australia name will be subsumed.

The proposal outlined today in Melbourne by the director of news, Kate Torney, and ABC International director Lynley Marshall is not definitive but will begin what is anticipated to be a long process of negotiations and politicking over job losses and service cuts.

The process is complicated by the fact that DFAT is yet to finalise the terms of the decommissioning of the Australia Network service in September, including the allocation of money for redundant staff and outstanding contracts.

The ABC Charter requires the public broadcaster to ``transmit to countries outside Australia, broadcasting programs of news, current affairs, entertainment and cultural enrichment'', that will, in part, ``encourage awareness of Australia and an inter-national understanding of Australian attitudes on world-affairs.''

While the efficacy of the Australia Network was questioned before its axing by DFAT under the Abbott government, the impact of Radio Australia's service during times of political crisis in the Pacific region has been substantial.

Even so, the recent efficiency review of the ABC and SBS overseen by Peter Lewis recommended Radio Australia discontinue its shortwave service.

This recommendation came despite advice from DFAT that shortwave delivery is the only current source of RA in ``some sensitive areas in Vanuatu, Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea.''

The public broadcaster has already confirmed a number of its news and current affairs foreign bureaus will be affected by the closure of the Australia Network service which cross-subsidised some of the news division.s international reporting shown on ABC News 24 while also employing its own correspondents.

The union representing ABC staff, the Commonwealth Public Sector Union, was yet to be notified of the proposal by Friday and expected to be briefed today. Radio Australia and ABC management would not comment on the proposed changes.

The international cuts come as the ABC and SBS work through the recommendations of the recent efficiency review, including the notion to co-locate the ABC and SBS. It appears that will not happen in Sydney although a possible move by SBS into the ABC's new Southbank office in Melbourne has gained favour (via Dan Say, *ibid. WORLD OF RADIO 1730,*)

Found another article here
<http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/international/2014-07-14/up-to-80-positions-at-the-abc-will-be-lost-due-to-cancellation-of-australia-network-contract/1342779>
(via Mike Terry, *ibid.*)

[Later:] I should have read this article more carefully. Fortunately this seems to be all about cuts to television rather than radio. As I understand it, the Australia Network TV channel is being closed, but Radio Australia is not affected by the cuts - so far. (Thanks to Dave Kenny for this). (Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

The cuts for TV are certain since the contract was cancelled, but this article's tone makes it clear cuts are expected at RA, with the likely loss of specific (language?) services and the real potential for the loss of all shortwave. Prior discussions I'd seen did not delve into the likely outcome for radio. RC (Richard Cuff, swprograms via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. EIGHTY JOBS TO GO AT AUSTRALIA'S ABC OVER LOSS OF INTERNATIONAL TV CONTRACT | Text of report by Radio Australia website on 14 July; subheading as published

About 80 jobs are set to go at the ABC [public Australian Broadcasting Corporation] as a result of the federal government's decision to cancel the Australia Network [external TV] contract.

Staff meetings have been held in Sydney and Melbourne today with news director Kate Torney and the head of International, Lynley Marshall.

The final number of job losses is still to be finalized, but it is believed there will be 80 redundancies across Asia Pacific News Centre and ABC International.

It is also understood there will be no voluntary redundancies.

Communications Minister Malcolm Turnbull commissioned a review earlier this year to find ways the broadcaster could be more cost-effective.

The ABC's multi-million-dollar Australia Network contract was cancelled and the corporation had its overall budget cut by 1 per cent.

The Australia Network contract was worth about 220m dollars over 10 years.

The government said the 1 per cent cut to the ABC's base funding in the budget was a "down payment on back-office savings".

Last month, government backbencher Andrew Laming said the cuts were not real cuts because they would not affect the ABC's programming.

"The cuts that are being discussed are what are called 'back of house' and that would mean no change to services," Mr Laming said at the time.

Union says job losses "first casualties in government's war on ABC"

Community and Public Sector Union president Michael Tull says the ABC may be in breach of its industrial obligations.

"The government has put the ABC in an impossible position. However, we are very disappointed that up to 80 people will be sacked," Mr Tull said in a statement.

"This is an appalling way to treat hardworking staff as they won't have a say in whether they get to keep their jobs.

"We don't accept the process of forced redundancies and we believe the ABC is in breach of its industrial obligations and we are considering the next step."

In addition, Mr Tull flagged the possibility of further job losses.

"Worse still there may be more job losses to come which will wreck morale among staff and will be bad news for Australians who expect quality services from the ABC," he said.

"This is all part of the Abbott government's plan to attack and neuter the ABC.

"Cutting the Australia Network on the basis that it wasn't providing value for money was always a fig leaf. The first casualties in this government's war on the ABC are the staff who have less than a fortnight before they are sacked." Source: Radio Australia website, Melbourne, in English 14 Jul 14 (via BBCM via WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. Here's what I've been able to assemble from various sources that I consider reliable about what can only be described as a truly catastrophic situation for Radio Australia. Keep in mind that RA management is left with few options, none of them good, in its efforts to preserve and maintain anything resembling a viable service for its regional and international audiences.

- The English Language Programming department (ELP) is effectively gutted. The only remaining RA productions in English appear to be some hourly news bulletins and the Pacific Beat program. All else, including the excellent Asia Pacific program, ceases.

- At least for the time being, RA intends to maintain a 24/7 English language service by pulling all of its content from ABC Radio domestic sources (except for the morsels described above). A revised ELP schedule is in preparation and will be announced and implemented shortly.

- Language services in Tok Pisin, Vietnamese, Khmer, Chinese, French and Burmese appear to remain but only in some skeletal form since about 3/4 to 4/5 of those staffs are to be axed. Again, it appears the plan is to pull some content from domestic sources, this time from SBS whose administration is likely to be housed with what's left of RA at Southbank in Melbourne as indicated in a previous press report.

- As unbelievable as this may sound, the situation is so dire and so immediate that there will be a culling of half of the journalists on

staff via a random process -- no evaluations, experience, records of achievement or years of service considered.

- No reduction in shortwave schedules has yet been indicated, but it's hard to see how that continues unaffected and unabated beyond anything but the very short term.

Personally, I will reserve comment on all this at this time and let the facts speak for themselves. However, some of you will be aware of my admiration and appreciation for Radio Australia over the decades so you are free to draw your own conclusions in that regard.

(John Figliozzi, The Worldwide Listening Guide, wwlgonline.com Sent from my iPad, July 15, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Sounds as if RA will use the RNZI programming model, pulling much if not most of its programming from the domestic networks.

I still expect major cuts in transmission hours, which we'll probably see in B-14. Although much appreciated, the current schedule is rather lavish compared to other major SW broadcasters. As I said in an earlier post, RA could whack the total transmitter hours in half and still maintain decent coverage of its target areas.

Wouldn't surprise me if the Asia beams are dropped while the Pacific remains a primary target (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It's difficult to know where to begin here but this is another nail in the coffin for international broadcasting. As happened at RCI, the gutted service will be of less and less value to listeners who will turn away from it and thus insure the final death knell a few years further on. RA was a valuable voice into underserved media markets in Asia and the Pacific. One only has to travel that region to understand that outside of a few major capitals and parts of China, Japan, and South Korea shortwave remains vitally important.

I would note that there is a tiny bit of light here. The redundancies are almost certainly a violation of Australian labor law, as I understand it, and the courts may thus intervene. Also, the Australian Football League has already been assured it's coverage into Asia and the Pacific via Australia Television will not be affected for the remainder of the AFL season (through September 27) and will, in fact, increase to six games per week. A sad day as the voices on shortwave will be further diminished. ñ (Rob de Santos, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Over the past 10+ years, one of the fundamental changes in how international broadcasters operate is that broadcasters have become selective and purposeful in identifying audiences to serve. The BBC was one of the first to do this, focusing on "opinion formers", if you remember their stated approach in 2001 when they cut English shortwave broadcasts to North America.

Simply reaching the largest possible audience is no longer the goal. Rather, the goal is to identify a specifically defined target audience segment, and then figure out the best way to reach that segment.

If that means abandoning your existing audience, so be it, if you don't believe that existing audience serves your national purpose.

To Rob's point, if the people one believes are important to reach are those in the major capitals, or in the Internet-rich areas of South Korea and Japan, then that's where one puts the effort; shortwave be damned.

This line of thinking is diametrically opposed to the thinking that drove the establishment and growth of international broadcasting from the 1920s to, say, 1990. In those days, bigger was better; you wanted to reach the largest possible audience as reliably as possible. You didn't worry about "targeting" -- the concept really hadn't developed yet. This approach was serendipitous for the listener --- in these pre-Internet days --- because those who wanted to hear diverse voices had no alternatives available to them.

While this trend is understandable, it's also parochial and grievously short-sighted. Humanity will be less-informed, less aware of diverse views, and less sensitive to the plight of the "have nots".

This is not a good thing (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, swprograms via DXLD)

I have no disagreement whatsoever with your excellent (as usual) analysis. But I find it somewhat discordant that the BBCWS constantly touts increases in raw listening numbers worldwide and targets that represent near double digit growth year to year. I sincerely doubt there are 180 million "opinion formers" (or whatever phrase they're using these days) to target.

In RA's case, however, none of this is the cause. This is, pure and simple, an ideological attack on public service broadcasting. RA knows full well who its target audience is: media and information deprived areas in the Pacific island nations and principally urban audiences in Southeast Asia. It's in their recently revised charter as a major focus. It's not RA that is the genesis of this contraction, it's the

Abbott government's design to strangle the ABC under the guise of rationalizing its organization and services and dramatically shrinking the public sector in favor of the private under the guise of necessary emergency efficiencies -- a manufactured crisis.

This has been a pattern with conservative-oriented governments and factions the world over, including here. While no one should deny that there are reasons to pursue prudent efficiencies, those reasons are being falsely overblown and inflated in the pursuit of purely ideological objectives that demonstrably lack majority popular support. It might be the most successful propaganda effort in history and it is happening right underneath our noses. The stench is overpowering but we seem incapable of locating the air freshener.
jaf (John Figliozi, NY, Sent from my iPad, swprograms via WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DXLD)

John, In regards to the ABC, I'll disagree that this is purely ideological, but rather is wrapped in the internal politics of Australia. NewsCorp has been seething for several years now over the handling of the tender for the rights to operate the Australia Network TV service.

My take is this: The Liberal government under John Howard had a mixed relationship with NewsCorp and didn't give them the chance to run the service when it launched as they had wanted. When the Labor government took power under Kevin Rudd in 2007, they promised to complete an open rights tender process for the TV service. In the first round of tender, NewsCorp won the rights but the courts determined the government mishandled it and threw it out. It then landed in the middle of the feuds between Julia Gilliard and Rudd over control of the Labor party and eventually when it was re-bid, the ABC won over NewsCorp. Ever since NewsCorp has been determined to hit back at the ABC and by throwing political support behind Abbott and his campaign in 2013 is now getting "payment" for that support.

This is political. While ideological reasons might seem to be explanation here that's not the driving force IMHO. It's just convenient cover for Abbott. After all, every poll I've seen suggests that the Australians across all political persuasions support the ABC to some degree or another and it is essential in rural Australia where the Liberal-National coalition is strong. ñ (Rob de Santos, swprograms via WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DXLD)

As Steve Luce pointed out, if this meant that RA would use the RNZ model, something valuable might be salvageable. However, this is just the tip of the iceberg. This Abbott government has launched a wholesale attack on the entire concept of public broadcasting itself, as well as on how it has been very successfully carried out in

Australia. Right now, there is a wealth of domestic content to tap, but as these plans progress (if not slowed or stopped by legal action or- dare we hope- the quick demise of this government as it overreaches well past whatever mandate it was given) that will no longer be the case. That free fall is being set in motion. The key question is: Is there any way to prevent it or at least throw a few wrenches into the wheels? (John Figliozi, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I found this article on
<http://theconversation.com>
that you might like: "Cut here: reshaping the ABC".
<http://theconversation.com/cut-here-reshaping-the-abc-29166>
(John A. Figliozi, Sent from my iPad, dxldyg via DXLD) Viz.:

15 July 2014, 8.54pm BST
Cut here: reshaping the ABC
[see original for numerous embedded linx, comments appended]

Monday's announcement that the ABC will make 80 positions redundant is just the latest move in an enforced process of change to the public service broadcaster. It has a long way yet to run. The announcement

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The latest cuts are hardly surprising, except perhaps in their severity. Pedro Vezini

Monday's announcement that the ABC will make 80 positions redundant is just the latest move in an enforced process of change to the public service broadcaster. It has a long way yet to run.

The announcement finally put the lie to Tony Abbott's election eve pledge, live on national television, that there would be no cuts to the ABC or SBS. In concert with other recent announcements, it seems clear that public broadcasting — and in particular the ABC — is squarely in the government's sights.

The cuts are hardly surprising, except perhaps in their severity. They have been on the cards since January, when Communications Minister Malcolm Turnbull appointed former Seven Network executive Peter Lewis to conduct an efficiency study of the ABC and SBS.

Turnbull said then that the aim of the review was to find *iback office savings*.

Leaks from the report, handed to the Minister in June, suggest that Lewis recommended dramatic changes including selling off the ABC's production studios, shutting down digital radio channels, charging for some iView content and co-housing the two public service broadcasters.

It is difficult to see how these changes, if adopted, will not affect the broadcasters' public-facing aspects, including programming and diversity of services.

Warning signs

The prospect of major changes to the ABC and SBS were clearly flagged in May.

The first indication came with the public release of the National Commission of Audit's report, which recommended that the public service broadcasters:

be independently benchmarked, both against each other and the commercial broadcasters, to determine whether it would be possible to achieve efficiencies and savings without compromising their capacity to deliver services including to remote and rural Australia.

The Commission acknowledged the funding pressures facing the public broadcasters. But drawing on data from the 2013-14 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook, the Commission also graphed the *istrong growth* in the ABC's base funding, from around A\$750 million in 2007-08 to around A\$880 million in 2013-14. The message to Treasury was clear: *icut herei*.

Less than a fortnight later, the Treasurer announced the ABC and SBS's base funding would be reduced by A\$43.5 million over four years.

This was not the half of it; the Budget Papers ominously prefaced the detail of the *iefficiency savings* with the note that this was merely a *idown payment* on the Lewis Efficiency Study.

In early June, in the same week he launched a Parliamentary Friends of the ABC group, the Communications Minister suggested the broadcasters had got off lightly. This was but a small crumb of comfort. Turnbull

indicated that deeper cuts were on the horizon, declaring that the age of entitlement for public service broadcasters was over.

The ABC was also stripped of the Australia Network international television service contract in the Budget. As I wrote at the time, this will save the government A\$196.8 million over the next nine years — but the real cost of the decision will be far higher.

Australia Network broadcasts will cease by September, although it is understood broadcasts will continue to the Pacific for six hours a day.

The substance of the changes

In his response to the Budget, ABC Managing Director Mark Scott said the funding cuts would inevitably and inevitably result in redundancies and a reduction in services.

Monday's announcement gave shape to that prognosis.

The budget for ABC International, the department of the ABC that oversees the Australia Network, will be cut from A\$35 million to A\$15 million.

Up to 80 staff in Radio Australia, the Australia Network and the Asia Pacific News Centre — most of whom are based in Melbourne — will lose their jobs.

The Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance is pressing the ABC not to concentrate the redundancies in ABC International, and to pursue voluntary redundancies where possible. All of the redundancies announced yesterday are understood to be non-voluntary.

What's next?

Scott is also preparing to unveil a broader internal restructure of the ABC, known as Project 21, in response to the cuts to base funding.

Changes also loom at the level of the ABC board.

One position is currently vacant, and two further appointments will be made next year. Given the paramount role that the Board plays in allocating resources and formalising the ABC's Charter responsibilities, these appointees will determine how the cuts and efficiencies will change the ABC in the longer term.

Earlier this month, arch conservative commentator Janet Albrechtsen and former deputy Liberal leader Neil Brown were appointed to the four-person panel that will oversee the selection of new Board

members.

The panel was established under the first Rudd government with the intention of depoliticising appointments following the Howard government's attempts to stack the ABC board with conservative ideologues including Albrechtsen herself, Keith Windschuttle and Michael Kroger.

When Albrechtsen and Brown were announced as members of the nomination panel, Malcolm Turnbull quickly distanced himself from the decision. The Communications Minister is acutely aware of the signals that the announcement sends about political influence over the Board appointments.

But he is also supportive of the appointment of Board members who have commercial rather than broadcasting experience. And despite his confident declarations to the contrary, cuts to programming and services appear inevitable.

It remains unclear how the ABC will meet its Charter obligations in international broadcasting, and in the provision of digital media services in particular. The funding cuts and the new appointments will undoubtedly change the culture and practice of the ABC over time.

This week's jobs announcement gives some indication of how those changes will play out – but we are yet to see how far they will go.
(via DXLD)

Here you can read an internal mail send yesterday to Radio Australia staff:

<http://criticaldistance.blogspot.com/2014/07/radio-australia-slash-and-burn.html>

"Shortwave transmission of RA remains unchanged for the time being", "Asia Pacific and Asia Review will cease production as will the Mornings program", "Language services in Tok Pisin, Khmer and Burmese will be delivered through a mix of reduced original content coupled with translated ABC content and content from SBS".

And while you're there you can also read: "Does America need the Voice of America?" (Jonathan says: "I fear not"):

<http://criticaldistance.blogspot.com/2014/07/does-america-need-voice-of-america.html>

(Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. HCJB Australia --- Listening to them at fair level at 1430 UT in English, off frequency, measuring 15449.969 on the Perseus. 73, (Walt Salmani, Victoria, BC, July 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

15400, July 11 at 1229, that Kununurra station saying ``salaam aleikum`` so could be any of many Arabic-influenced languages, then into hymn ``Praise the Lord`` to tune of ``Gott sei die Ehre`` ± la Family Radio, which has no monopoly on it. Announcement mixes in English terms such as ``P O Box``, but could not copy a location for it. 1230 no English ID, but into `Making Life Better` talk/sermon by David Radcliffe in Melbourne with consecutive translation into Indonesh, mentions Jakarta. Today`s topic: ``What will you do when your business goes bad?``. Fairly good signal.

11595, July 11 at 1243, also fairly good, canned loop of inspirational music as runup to transmissions, still IDing as ``HCJB Australia; programmes on this frequency will commence shortly`` repeated periodically. Finally at 1245, signing on with ID as ``Reach Beyond Australia``, first time I`ve caught them uttering their new slogan, ``greeting listeners in South Asia on 11595 kHz in the 25 meter band`` and into unID language. Evidently have not yet re-produced the IS&ID loop to delete ``HCJB`` from it; if they can locate the same music by now. A-14 schedule here:

<http://www.hcjb.org.au/images/HCJB%20Australia%20A14%20Schedule.pdf> shows 15400 at 1215-1300 including `Making Life Better` at 1230-1300 Mon-Sat in Bahasa (Indonesia). The Friday 1245-1300 program on 11595 is `Prathana` in Hindi (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH. 15105, Bangladesh Betar at 1236 in English, man reading news till 1238, then into Bangladeshi music and a talk at 1239, too weak to understand - Poor July 12 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, listening in my car by the lake with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, Editor of World English Survey and Target Listening, available at <http://www.odxa.on.ca/dxldyg> via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15105, Bangladesh Betar, Jul 13 1240-1250, 34443, English, News and Bangladesh music, ID at 1245.

9455, Bangladesh Betar, Jul 13 *1313-1323, 35443, Nepali, 1313 sign on with IS, Announce by woman, Opening music, Opening announce, News (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. BOLIVIA, 3310, R. Mosoj Chaski, Cochabamba, 2216-2226, 12/7, quíchua, texto; 24341, QRM de sinal em BLS.

4699.9, R. San Miguel, Riberalta, 2231-2244, 13/7, castelhano, m'sica

pop' Índia; 25331.

4714.7, R. Yatun Ayllu Yura, Yura, 2232-2246, 13/7, quíchua ou aimara, texto, canÁies Índias; 35332.

5952.45, R. Pío XII, Siglo XX, 2317-2325, 12/7, quíchua, texto, chamadas de ouvintes; 34432, QRM adjacente.

6155.1, R. Fides, La Paz, 2245-2255, 12/7, castelhano, canÁies; 35432. 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 5952.44 at 0019, Emisora Pio XII, Siglo Veinte, Studio talks by male and female, about Bolivia. Good signal weak audio (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, July 15 - UT July 16, Perseus, end fed antenna, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 6025-, July 12 at 0119, very poor signal with talk, slightly on the low side, like 6024.96 or so, one click on the 40-Hz DX-398 steps. Surely Red Patria Nueva; LSB decreases Cuban Radio war on 6030, but I rarely hear anything at all on 6025. This is surely the weakest of the Bolivians on 49m, even less signal than 6155+ < 5952+ < 6134.8.

Wolfgang Bschel reported 3+ hours later: ``UNID 6024.971 kHz tiny signal at 0430 UT'', and RPN has also been traced on the low side by others such as:

``6024.98, at 2305 UT July 7, Red Patria Nueva, La Paz, Under China N.R. most with talks and music, weak. 73, (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, RX=Icom IC-7410, antenna End Fed, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)``

Those not in the know that R. Amanecer Internacional, Dominican Republic, has been off the air for *years* might make a different assumption based on its being preserved as if active in Aoki and the other databases cluelessly depending on it. The only other thing besides ``Radio Illimani`` in Aoki is Lhasa, Tibet, unlikely.

6024.9, July 13 at 0102, carrier here, presumably again Red Patria Nueva, typically low. Lots of splatter from both sides, 6020-China / Albania and 6030 DCJC / Martí (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 6134.835, R Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, 7-Jul-14, 0145 - Paulina Rubio vocal, canned ID, more Latin pops. Excellent S8 signal. 73, (Brandon Jordan, Fayette County, TN <http://www.swldx.us> dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6134.825 at 2335 and the audio from Santa Cruz is also stronger (last

one with many IDs)[than R. Aparecida, see BRAZIL] (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, July 15 - UT July 16, Perseus, end fed antenna, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 6155.13 at 2345, Radio Fides, La Paz, Conversation by male and female, audio just above the noise (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, July 15 - UT July 16, Perseus, end fed antenna, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. RNA, 6180.005, S=9+25dB, but tiny on 5990.108 footprint at 0425 UT, \\ 11780.004 kHz at 0442 UT (Wolfgang B.schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5990.1, July 12 at 0123, RNA extra frequency with phone conversation, significantly off-frequency. Others report it as 5990.11 or 5990.12. Good signal >4 kW.

11765-11795, July 12 at 0129, RNA is splattering plus/minus 15 kHz from overmodulated/distorted 11780, but no discrete spurs this time around 11750/11810. ``Aten ,o, emissoras da EBC'', time signal about 3 seconds fast at 0130 and swift roll-call of relaying stations around the country.

11660, 11690, 11720, 11750, 11810, 11840, 11870, 11900, July 13 at 0532, RNA spurs are the worst yet, at 30-kHz intervals around 11780. The closest ones are strongest and the farthest ones barely detectable, all extremely distorted. 11870 is QRM to WEWN. Fundamental 11780 itself is distorted and overmodulated but readable if you put up with it (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6180, July 15 at 0132, RNA is missing from this frequency so XEPPM 6185 for once has no much stronger ACI. RNA still audible on 5990 and much stronger // 11780. The latter without spurs at this hour.

At 0545, however, 11780 is quite distorted and splattering out to 11765-11795, but no further spurs at 30 kHz intervals. At 0547, 6180 is still off and 5990 still on, poorly audible.

6180, July 16 at 0052, RNA is back on tonight. 11750 & 11810, July 16 at 0543, the nasty spurs from 11780 are on and in again, along with much weaker but detectable ones on 11720 and 11840, i.e. 30-kHz intervals (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 3364.9, R. Cultura (presumed), Araraquara SP, 2215-2225, 16/7, A Voz do Brasil; 15341.

4775, R. Congonhas, Congonhas MG, 2145-2154, 11/7, progr. de propag. relig., m'sica; 25331.

4805, R. Dif.TM do Amazonas, Manaus AM, 2249-2256, 12/7, propag. relig.; 45433.

4845, R. Cultura Ondas Tropicais, Manaus AM, 2225-2242, 13/7, discuss^o em torno dos resultados da Ta^{AA}a da FIFA, at^E s 2229, a que se seguiu ID e an^{ncio da freq.}, can^{AA}ies; 44332, QRM de CODAR.

4875.06, R. Dif.TM de Roraima, Boa Vista RR, 2146-2155, 11/7, notici^{rio} local; 34342, em ascens^o, apesar da QRM de CODAR.

4905, Nova R. Rel^Ugio, Rio de Jan.^J RJ, 2203-2216, 11/7, A Voz do Brasil; 33341, QRM da CHN e de sinal de ponto a ponto.

4915, R. Daqui, Goi^{nia} GO, 2205-2218, 11/7, A Voz do Brasil; 44433, QRM da R. Dif.TM de Macap., B.

4925.2, R. Educa^{AA}o Rural, Tef^E AM, 2208-2225, 11/7, A Voz do Brasil; 2.TM parte s 2225; 35332.

4965, R. Alvorada, Parrintins AM, 2240-2248, 12/7, can^{AA}ies; 44342, QRM adj. de sinal de ponto a ponto.

4985, R. Brasil Central, Goi^{nia} GO, 2210-2227, 11/7, A Voz do Brasil; // 11815; 45333, heterodinagem, contorn^{vel}, com o PRU 4985,5.

5035, R. Educa^{AA}o Rural, Coari AM, 2216-2231, 11/7, A Voz do Brasil; 23331, QRM da R. Aparecida, B, igualmente com a Voz do Brasil. Retransmissies ass^Incronas.

5970, R. Itatiaia, Belo Horizonte MG, 2203-2214, 13/7, progr. sobre futebol; 25331.

5990, R. Nacional da Amaz^Unia, Parque do Rodeador DF, 2233-2245, 11/7, 2.TM parte de A Voz do Brasil; 35332; // 6180, 11780.

6000, R. Gua^Iba, Pt.^J Alegre RS, 2211-2218, 14/7, 1.TM parte de A Voz do Brasil; 24331, QRM adjacente.

6010.03, R. Inconfid^Incia, Belo Horizonte MG, 2235-2244, 11/7, 2.TM parte de A Voz do Brasil; 34331, QRM da CHN 6010. Melhor sinal em 15/7, 2200.

6080. R. Marumby, Curitiba PR, 2205-2213, 13/7, propag. relig., can^{AA}ies; 23331, QRM da CHN.

6120, SRDA, S^o Paulo SP, 2238-2252, 11/7, 2.TM parte de A Voz do Brasil; 35332.

6180, R. Nacional da Amazônia, Parque do Rodeador DF, 0900-desvan. total 1005, 12/7, canções populares, texto; 15331.

9515, R. Marumby, Curitiba PR, 2133-2145, 13/7, progr. de propag. relig.; 34433; // 6080 com sinal pobre.

9565.05, SRDA, Curitiba PR, 2203-2211, 15/7, A Voz do Brasil; 22442, modulação muito fraca, QRM de freqs. adj. e do sinal de empastelamento cubano (contra a R. Martí, EUA).

9586.4, SRDA, São Paulo SP, 2240-2254, 11/7, A Voz do Brasil, 2.™ parte; 35433.

9629.85, R. Aparecida, Aparecida SP, 2136-2147, 13/7, missa; 45433, modulação de fraca qualidade. // 11864,8, 6135 aprox. (a "confusão" na freq. inviabilizou a medição), 5035. Em 12/7, no período da noite, o tx esteve desligado durante algum tempo.

9645.4, R. Bandeirantes, São Paulo SP, 2139-2150, 14/7, texto; 32441, QRM adjacente.

9818.7, R. 9 de Julho, São Paulo SP, 2138-2155, 13/7, canções, rubrica em castelhano (!) sobre imigração (e talvez também sobre emigração), 33442, QRM adj. da CHN 9820 + n.º identif. em 9815, com progr. em mandarim (p).

11764.7, SRDA, Curitiba PR, 1235-1255, 14/7, D. Miranda no seu estilo habitual; 14431, QRM adjacente.

11815, R. Brasil Central, Goiânia GO, 2151-2207, 14/7, rubrica desportiva Desportos em Cima da Hora, ID cantada, anúncio das freqs.; 42441, QRM adj. da ARS 11820. Notou-se ausência de áudio durante breves minutos, logo após as 2200, e a emissão retomou a normalidade, com difusão de A Voz do Brasil.

15190.2, R. Inconfidência, Belo Horizonte MG, 1238-1250, 14/7, texto; 15431. 73 (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. ZYE523, R. Itatiaia, Belo Horizonte, weak signal on 5970.030 kHz (Wolfgang Bischel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 6010.07 at 0001, Rádio Inconfidência, Belo Horizonte, Portuguese speech by male, splatter China [Albania] on 6020 (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, July 15 - UT July 16, Perseus, end fed antenna, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 6080.034, Probably Brazilian, ZYE726 of R. Marumby, Curitiba PR, 0432 UT (Wolfgang B, schel, wwdx BC-DX TopNews July 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6080.02 at 2328, R·dio Marumby, Curitiba PR, Portuguese talks about the president in Brazil, good signal and audio (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, July 15 - UT July 16, Perseus, end fed antenna, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** BRAZIL [and non]. 6135.57, R Aparecida, Aparecida, 7-Jul-14, 0150-0200* - low key religious music and talk, poor to fair and best in USB to avoid Santa Cruz, // 9629.967 good with scratchy modulation, 11854.85 fair. 73, (Brandon Jordan, Fayette County, TN
<http://www.swldx.us> dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6134.98, at 2335, R·dio Aparecida, Aparecida, Information about Brazil by male, not bad but very close to Santa Cruz, on 6134.825 (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, July 15 - UT July 16, Perseus, end fed antenna, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 9630, July 15 at 0129, extremely colloquial Brazuguese from a caller emitting monotonous Ave-Marias, in conversation with better-educated but no less pious studio YL. It's the 'Com a M,,e Aparecida' flagship show on R. Aparecida. Frequency probably slightly off but not measured; instead found to be // 11855v which has a lite LAH since it's off too --- yet nothing else is listed on 11855 at this hour in HFCC, EiBi, Aoki (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 9664.78, R Voz Mission·ria, Cambori·, 7-Jul-14, 0205 - Two men in a religious discussion, excellent S9+10 signal, // 5939.81v very poor, USB to avoid WWCR-5935. 73, (Brandon Jordan, Fayette County, TN <http://www.swldx.us> dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9664.797, R Voz Mission·ria, Cambori·, 12 July, 0405 UT. and // 5939.831 kHz footprint at 0415 UT July 12 (Wolfgang B, schel, wwdx BC-DX TopNews July 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11815.032, ZYE440, R Brasil Central, Goi,nia, at 0444 UT. Next to 11825 BS via Okeechobee FL (Wolfgang B, schel, wwdx BC-DX TopNews July 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CAMEROON [non]. 15315, V. of Gospel via France, Jul 06 *1830-1840, 35433, Fulfulde; 1830 sign on with IS, ID, Opening announce, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA [non]. GERMANY (non [sic]) Updated schedule of Bible Voice

Broadcasting on 21480 kHz:

1100-1130 on 21480 MDC 125 kW / 045 deg to EaAs English Sat

1115-1130 on 21480 MDC 125 kW / 045 deg to EaAs English Sun Eternal Good News

1130-1145 on 21480 MDC 125 kW / 045 deg to EaAs Japanese Sun
Cancelled broadcasts:

1100-1115 on 21480 MDC 125 kW / 045 deg to EaAs Cantonese Tue-Thu

1115-1130 on 21480 MDC 125 kW / 045 deg to EaAs Chinese Mon

1100-1130 on 21480 MDC 125 kW / 045 deg to EaAs English Fri

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/07/updated-schedule-of-bible-voice.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, July 16, dxldyg via DXLD)

** CANADA. IDEAS - CBC Radio One --- After Atheism: New Perspectives on God and Religion, Part 1

Religion, in recent years, has been something of a battlefield. On the one hand books with titles like God is Back or, more alarming, The Revenge of God have dramatized the increased influence of fundamentalist forms of religion. On the other, the writers sometimes called "the new atheists" have railed against religion in a spirit that some have called secular fundamentalism. British evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins leads the way here with his claim that religion is a brain disease, but others like the late Christopher Hitchens have also contributed to this revival of the old opposition between religion and enlightenment. Richard Kearney would like to get past all this. To him it's a sterile polarization. He'd like to move on to a conversation in which doubt and faith, in his words, "criss-cross." Richard Kearney is a poet, a novelist, and a philosopher who writes about the role of imagination in religious belief. He's a professor of philosophy at Boston College, and a visiting professor at University College Dublin in his native Ireland. (55')

<http://www.cbc.ca/ideas/episodes/2014/06/30/after-atheism-new-perspectives-on-god-and-religion-part-1-1/>

(John Figliozzi, podding along issue 3, July 11, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA [and non]. 860, July 12 at 0503 UT, a nice NAFTA mix: French Canadian talk atop, certainly CJBC Toronto, vs CBS news from KKOW Kansas, and Mexican NA in the background, 0504 UT followed by full ID for Monterrey, i.e. XENL, 5/2 kW per IRCA. Too much QRM to copy details such as slogan, listed as ``Radio Recuerdo, Canal 860''. Predominant SAH of 2 Hz, almost matching the beat of the NA, so not sure which duo of the trio match and which mono be off. MWOffset list includes only CJBC which in January 2012 was 1.5 Hz high. I might not have caught this if there had been a Fox-hole on 960 KGWA which I was checking first at 0500 UT (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Analog-only sporadic E TV-DX July 11, UT:

2233 on 2, antenna northeast, algo in English, very poor

2337 on 2, Global bug barely visible in UR during ET-like show, antenna north. In fact, 'Entertainment Tonight' is exactly what's scheduled now on CKND-2 Minnedosa MB. Soon overtaken by Spanish so I rotate toward Mexico, q.v. When I am getting both Canada and Mexico, of course, double-hop distances are possible end-to-end, but never for us in the middle of it.

Traces of sporadic E TV DX on channel A2, 1422 UT July 13, with antenna NE; 6m Es maps show likely path from Ontario, not Mexico. A few more snatches like at 1537; 1547 ad grafix in English.

More weak sporadic E TV-DX, July 13, UT: 1657 on 2, audible promo ``on CTV``; CHBX Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., presumed, as it's from the NE rather than NW where there are also some analog CTV 2s left in Sask, Alta. Soon getting Spanish too from opposite direxion; see MEXICO (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA [non]. Radio City will be on the air this coming weekend, on Friday July 18th at 18-19 UT via IRRS on 7290 kHz and Challenger Radio on 1368 kHz, with an additional transmission (during the summer) via Challenger Radio at 21-22 UT, then repeated on Saturday July 19th at 09-10 UT via IRRS on 9510 kHz. Old programmes may be used by IRRS as fillers at random.

Radio City is also on the air via Hamburger Lokalradio Saturday July 26th at 12-13 UT on 7265 kHz. Radio City is also aired every Saturday at 19-20 UT on 1485 kHz by Radio Mercurs, Riga, Latvia. Our mailing address remains citymorecars@yahoo.ca (via Tom Taylor, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 14870, July 11 at 1253, CNR1 jammer, poor; none in the 10s, 12s, 13s, 16s, 17s, 18s (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CRI English jamming vs RFA in Chinese 0553 July 14 on 17855 Saipan
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mv70rl5cTBU&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

12910, July 14 at 1344, CNR1 jammer, fair; no others 10-19 MHz except 11, 15 MHz inbanders (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [non log]. [Re 14-28:] 5860, Voice of Jinling. Off the air for summer maintenance? Recently not heard at all after their normal 1230 sign on; through July 9. Hope is not a change in their sign on time! On their printed QSL card, name is spelled "Jingling." Why?
<https://app.box.com/s/ex5pnxqgmgf2wlpi0vnp>

July 10, Voice of Jinling is now ex: 5860! They have moved to 6200 kHz. Mixing with PBS Xizang (Tibet). For many years Tibet had sole possession of 6200, but no longer. VOJ is stronger by far than Tibet, so bad news for PBS Xizang. Noted with the usual "FM" IDs at 1400. Ron

New frequency 6200, Voice of Jinling. July 11 start of their first sign on at *1237; on for slightly over a minute and then off the air; came back with the real sign on (*1238) after being off for about 27 seconds; totally covering PBS Xizang (Tibet). Audio at

<https://app.box.com/s/3m7380o0t7oruzztfacm>

(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 6155, CNR2/China Business Radio, 1237, July 13. A popular variety show (comedy, music, etc.); in Chinese; is frequently broadcast via CNR2; good reception; occasional nice English IDs; iLadies and gentlemen, Haiyang live show. It's brought to you by Haiyang live from Beijing." Audio at
<https://app.box.com/s/blshq8rw2d8k71nalva5>
// 6065, 7265, 7315 and 7375 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. Con la presente vi comunichiamo che la sospensione delle nostre trasmissioni sulla frequenza 7435 kHz tra le ore 8 del 18 giugno e le ore 18 del 15 luglio sar®§ prolungata fino alle 18 del 29 luglio. Cordiali saluti, Radio Cina Internazionale, Sezione Italiana (via Roberto Scaglione, Sicily, July 15, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

** COLOMBIA. 5910.06 at 0030, Alcarav·n Radio, Puerto Lleras, Nice Colombian songs, and Alcarav·n ID, strong and clear audio (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, July 15 - UT July 16, Perseus, end fed antenna, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** CONGO. -Brazzaville, 6115, R. Congo, Brazzaville, 1801-1825, 14/7, francÍs, (longo) notici·rio; 24331, QRM adjacente. 73 (Carlos GonÁlves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 5049.22, July 11 at 0112, I notice a huge het upon 5050 WWRB which is again Brother Scaring while own programming is flipped onto 3185 instead. At first little modulation can be extracted from the het, but then it's certainly Spanish, and guess what --- R. Rebelde is missing from 5025, so another huge SNAFU by the slopperators at RadioCuba.

Above frequency measured by 40 Hz clix on the DX-398 compared to WWV on 5000.000. But on my keyboard, the het is somewhere between F#5 and G5, i.e. 740 and 784 Hz, and 780 Hz below 5050 would match 5049.22;

assuming WWRB is on 5050.00, not confirmed, but surely close.

Still the het at 0327 when I am very glad WOR is also on 3185 instead for the second week. At 0424 check WWRB is off and R. Rebelde is still on 5049+ with nothing to het. It'll stay there until somebody notices, maybe all night, still at 0509.

5049.2+ [not 5949.2 as originally typoed!], July 11 at 0524, R. Rebelde is still here way off-frequency instead of 5025. Next check at 1222 UT, still there with fair signal, altho no attempt to remeasure. Meanwhile, Wolfgang B, schel was using a remote receiver in Cocoa FL of N9JY and at 1240 July 11 did measure it on 5049.239 at S9+15. Don't know if it had varied a bit, but within my margin of error on the keyboard, i.e. 761 Hz from 5050, between the notes at 740 and 784 Hz. Will be interesting to note whether the misoperators correct it by UT July 12 before WWRB reattempts to use 5050 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) [they did]

Re 5050v Rebelde, - minus 761 Hertz heterodyne tone?

I looked out for US 5050 kHz WWRB in final hour 12-13 UT slot, and was surprised to hear another more highly Latin American cultural program from Radio Rebelde Spanish section INSTEAD. [WWRB is never on 5050 after 0400 UT even if registered thru the night --- gh]

Later I read DXLD news from Glenn, explained the odd 5050v Rebelde outlet, I noticed in 12-13 UT slot. Exact 5049.239 kHz footprint at 1240 UT July 11. S=9+15dB or -61dBm in remote unit of N9JY at Cocoa US-FL location post.

RHC Spanish service also noted in 12-13, resp. 13-14 UT time slot:
17730 17580 15370 15340(13-) 15230 12010 11860 11760 9550(13-).
til 13 UT 6000 9850 11750. Not on 13780 kHz.

BUT powerhouse CRI English service on 9570 kHz 13-14 UT from Quivic-n-Cuba TITAN transmitter unit. 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B, schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 5025, July 12 at 0113, by now R. Rebelde is back on frequency after jumping to 5049.2+ for at least 12 hours UT July 11; so now BS from WWRB is in the clear again on 5050 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12140, July 11 at 0132, RHC harmonic 2 x 6070, very poor vs CODAR.
6270, RHC leapfrog of 6060 over 6165 English another 105 kHz higher, is better at poor and mostly readable level.

11860, July 12 at 1352, is today's missing frequency from RHC, still

on 11760 and 12010 et al.

[and non]. 6060, July 13 at 0103, RHC has LAH from Brasil, and SAH from Iran, where the Azeri Ramadan service until July 29ish is now running straight thru from 1920 to 0320 (but Aoki shows a site change at 0120 from Sirjan at 329 degrees to Kamalabad ND which should theoretically weaken the signal over here). Anyhow, tnx to CFRX` lethargy in getting itself repaired, RHC is QRM-free only 10 kHz up on 6070, so who needs 6060? Answer: those hunting the leapfrog over 6165 on 6270.

13605, July 13 at 0529, jammers gone wild with multiple tones --- against nothing. By 1332, R. Martí is on and now the jamming is wall-of-noise, no tones.

9790-9835, July 14 at 0124, approx. range of buzz obviously emanating from the defective RHC 9810 transmitter near the middle of it.

6165, July 16 at 0054, RHC open carrier already on prior to 0100 English; likewise 6000 at 0057 check.

6060, July 16 at 0055, RHC is in French! // synchronized with 5040 which is supposed to be the only French frequency, with 6060 in Spanish. 6060 is still on the wrong program feed circuit at 0112 check, now in English! synchro with 6000, 6165; but 6060 has SAH from Iran and LAH from Brasil; all the others are properly in Spanish: 6070, 9810, 11670, 11760, 11840, 13740, 15230.

6165, July 16 at 2324, RHC Spanish translation of a Brazilian, not // 11670, 11760, 13740 with music; 6165 at 2325 ID as 'Mesa Redonda' breakaway program at 23-24 M-F more or less; on schedule as also on 6000 but not noticed there.

[and non]. 9955, July 16 at 2319, wall-of-noise jamming including pulsing against R. Libertad on WRMI, of which nothing is audible here, but how about Dentro-Cuba? Yet jamming is almost as heavy at 0058 July 17 leaving R. Slovakia International in English barely detectable and unreadable (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. HM01 appears to be HM 0 - GONE --- Has ANYONE monitored ANY SIGNAL from this longtime DX target / spy numbers station since 7/10/2014? I have not -- if "the HM01 guy" can't find it, something must be going on -- and it can't be good. In a related issue, have there been any M08a or V02 logs in the past few days? If not, perhaps there has been a "purge" in the Cuban Intelligence Service (CIS) leading to (permanent?) loss of shortwave service.

Can the CIS use the (potentially former HM01) transmitters on a MW

frequency to reach the US mainland and get their messages/assignments out via South FLA (or via Hispanola or friendly separatists in PR by beaming in a different direction)? Because as we know, spying never REALLY ends (just ask any NSA employee -- if they don't say, "no comment", that is). (Shawn From Flushing NY Fahrer (potentially 'unemployed' if there's no HM01 to be the "HM01 guy" for).

P.S. While numbers stations are normally not mentioned too often on DXLD, the potential LOSS of one (especially from the island in which GH has has some ongoing complaints about in terms of their transmission splatter) is worthy of chatter from ALL DXers, regardless of political/social affiliation. That's why I've posted a copy of this message to any and all boards, lists, etc. that I belong to that are related to SW or DXing in general to engage them in the ongoing search for the now three day missing HM01 (Shaun Fahrer, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DXLD)

Hi Shaun, They were apparently off the air for a few days but were back today July 15 at 0600z on 14375 also at 0700 on 13435 kHz and 0800 on 11635 kHz. Discussion on their absence here:

HM01missing/off the air

[http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,17680.msg61893/
boardseen.html#new](http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,17680.msg61893/boardseen.html#new)

(Dave Hughes, KCMO, ibid.) Including:

I find it interesting that HM01 ceased transmitting just prior to Putin's arrival in Havana. It was noted on another board (sorry forgot which one) that monitors have noticed an increase in Russian intelligence naval assets in Cuba recently as well (Rick F, July 14, hfunderground board via DXLD)

Based on several factors including frequency stability, modulation quality, and transmission artifacts, I am pretty sure the Cuban numbers transmissions use more than one transmitter, possibly more than one transmitter site. I think it would take more than a transmitter failure to keep every time slot off the air for a couple of days. Possibly a site primary power failure would do it (assuming all transmitters are at one site) but I would assume some backup power exists.

Also, it has been widely reported and assumed (with very good supportive evidence) that the Cuban numbers stations use the same transmitters/facilities as RHC. Was there a noticeable gap in RHC coverage during the down time for the Cuban numbers? I do not follow RHC, but I did not notice anyone discussing it being off air. T!
(Token, Mojave Desert, California USA, hfunderbound board via DXLD)

11635, July 14 at 2123, 5-digit Spanish YL numbers is stuck on only

two of them: 2s and 3s over and over and over, with no pauses as monitored past 2127 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Report on German TV last week. Pres Putin visited former leader Fidel Castro. The reporter called the number, great leader Castro survived 10 U.S. presidents, and was the subject of more than 600 attacks. 73 wb (Wolfgang Bischel, July 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) So:

RUSSIA 'AGREES TO REOPEN CUBA SPY BASE'
<http://news.yahoo.com/russia-agrees-reopen-cuba-spy-110458401.html>

Moscow (AFP) - Russia has provisionally agreed to reopen a major Cold War listening post on Cuba that was used to spy on the United States, a Russian daily reported Wednesday after President Vladimir Putin visited the island last week.

Kommersant reported that Russia and Cuba had agreed "in principle" to reopen the Lourdes base, mothballed since 2001, citing several sources within Russian authorities.

"The agreements were finalised while President Vladimir Putin visited Havana last Friday," the respected daily wrote.

Russia had closed the Lourdes spy base south of Havana on Putin's orders to save money and due to a rapprochement with the United States after the September 11 attacks.

But Moscow has since shown a new interest in Latin America and its Cold War ally Cuba and relations with the West have deteriorated amid the Ukraine crisis.

The base was set up in 1964 after the Cuban missile crisis to spy on the United States. Just 250 kilometres (155 miles) from the US coast, it was the Soviet Union's largest covert military outpost abroad with up to 3,000 staff.

..View gallery A secret Russian listening station conducts its activities October 18, 2001 in Lourdes some 18 miles. It was used to listen in to radio signals including those from submarines and ships and satellite communications.

"All I can say is -- finally!" one Russian source told Kommersant of the reported reopening.

The defence ministry and military high command declined to comment on the report to Kommersant.

Ahead of Putin's visit to Cuba last week as part of a Latin American

tour, Russia agreed to write off 90 percent of Cuba's debt dating back to the Soviet era, totalling around \$32 billion.

Russia paid Cuba rent of \$200 million per year to use the base in the last few years it was open.

A former head of Russia's foreign intelligence service, Vyacheslav Trubnikov, told the newspaper the base would strengthen Russia's international position.

"Lourdes gave the Soviet Union eyes in the whole of the western hemisphere," he said. "For Russia, which is fighting for its lawful rights and place in the international community, it would be no less valuable than for the USSR."

Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov was not immediately available for comment on Wednesday (via DXLD) This story accumulated 1276 comments in the first four hours! (gh, DXLD)

Russia started to recreate the Lourdes SIGINT Facility in Cuba.

<http://www.kommersant.ru/doc/2525998>

<http://www.ntv.ru/novosti/1138096>

(Lev Lytovchenko, July 16, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** CYPRUS. 9637-9664, July 13 at 0110 and still at 0137, strong OTH radar maybe from here, lo-pitched but hi pulse rate. Brazilian on 9665- barely escapes the edge of it. BTW, the big buzz in my own neighborhood has mostly abated, at least for now (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DIEGO GARCIA. CHAGOS, Arquipélago das, 4319-BLS, AFN, Diogo Garcia, 2223-2231, 12/7, m'sica pop'; 34342, QRM adj. de sinal de ponto a ponto. 73 (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DOMINICA. Complementação não confirmação recebida

Caros amigos, Nosso hobby é realmente cheio de surpresas. Mesmo com quase 21 anos de experiência ainda há situações que nos deixam boquiabertos. Há alguns dias compartilhei por aqui o recebimento da confirmação da emissora Voice of Life, estação FM que transmite desde a ilha caribenha de Dominica.

Hoje recebi a carta da embaixadora de Dominica Para o Brasil, Jenniffer Aird. O objetivo foi reiterar o agradecimento feito pela emissora em questão, principalmente pelo fato de eu ter dado atenção e decidido escrever para aquela nação tão pequena e distante. Além da carta, recebi vários prospectos e um lindo bloco de notas.

Jamais imaginei que algum dia a chancelaria de um país entraria em contato direto comigo. Por essas e outras que eu absolutamente discordo que nosso hobby esteja em decadência. Para quem tiver vontade e se adaptar creio que sempre existirão surpresas tão interessantes quanto esta. 73 (Ivan Dias Jr. - Sorocaba/SP
<https://www.youtube.com/regionaldx>
<http://ivandias.wordpress.com> <http://twitter.com/ivandiasjr>
July 14, radioescutas yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DXLD)

** ECUADOR [non]. According to an email from HCJB, the 2300-2330 German program via Nauen on 9835 kHz will be discontinued at the end of July (Bruce Portzer, WA, July 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Broadcasts of HCJB via Media Broadcast, which will be cancelled
2300-2330 9835 NAU 100 kW / 240 deg to SoAm German from August 1
2300-0045 11920 NAU 100 kW / 240 deg to SoAm Portuguese from August 1
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, July 14, dxldyg via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA. ETI"PIA, 5950, Voz da Revolução do Tigrí, Geja Dera (ou Geja Jawe?), 1740-1751, 14/7, tigrí (tentativo), texto, canções do Corno de África; 35342.

6110, R. Fana, Geja Dera (ou Geja Jawe?), 1744-1803, 14/7, oromo (segundo listas), texto, música pop' local; 35332. 73 (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. Venerdì 11 luglio 2014 (scariche temporalesche non locali) *18.30-18.45* - 7315 kHz (R7), ECHO OF EUROPE - Nauen (D), FF, nxs OM, ID YL EE. Solo martedì e venerdì. Segnale buono - (Luca Botto Fiora, QTH Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, G.C. 44° 21' 06.89" N / 09° 13' 30.94" E, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

** FRANCE. French Medium Wave Transmitter Shut Down --- The following French MW transmitters are now shut down and gone as of July 9th.
- Nancy-Nomeny (837 kHz)
- Limoges-Nieul (792 kHz)
- Toulouse Muret (945 kHz)

I will miss 945 kHz. This info was taken from a post on the Skywaves MW list (Mike Bugaj, Enfield, CT, July 13, WTFDA mwdxgg via WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DXLD)

I have picked up all three of these stations. For 792 I have picked up Sevilla in Spain and they will maybe control that channel. For 837 Azores or the Canary Islands will dominate that channel. Now for 945 which I only had France could be interesting. Like 945 Israel at 100Kw. 24hrs could be a good target. I picked them up on 1287 and being on 945 could be a much easier target (Roy Barstow - Falmouth MA,

ibid.)

Andy Sennitt posted in PCJ Media and PCJ Radio on Facebook July 14, 2014:

Radio France has decommissioned the first three of its mediumwave transmitters. Last Wednesday, three high power AM stations of France Info, the news channel of the public broadcaster, were switched off.

France Info is currently available in France on more than 260 FM frequencies. Nevertheless there are still areas where the station is not well-received on FM. Therefore France Info also transmits through various high power mediumwave transmitters.

To save costs, it was decided to change this. The three mediumwave transmitters affected are:

In NE France, Nomeny, 837 kHz, 200 kW, located north of Nancy.
In Central France, Nieul, 792 kHz, 300 kW, north of Limoges.
In the south, Muret, 945 kHz, 300 kW, SW of Toulouse.

The other high power mediumwave stations of France Info, as well as the mediumwave transmitters of the local network France Bleu, are still on the air.

For listeners in the affected areas, the elimination of AM stations means receiving France Info in some places over the air is difficult or even impossible, requiring manual switching between different AM frequencies. DAB+ is not an alternative, as Radio France has already decided not to invest in digital terrestrial radio.

After the summer station operator TDF will dismantle the mediumwave transmitters in Nomeny, Nieul and Muret. What will happen to the towers is still unclear.

Radio France is not the first public broadcaster in Europe to switch off mediumwave. Previously, public broadcasters in Norway, Denmark, Flanders, Switzerland, Hesse, SouthWest Germany, Central Germany and Bremen turned off their AM stations.

In the Netherlands it's planned to turn off the mediumwave transmitter of Radio 5 in 2015, but an official notice has not yet been released.

(Source: Radio.NL translated by Andy Sennitt via Mike Terry dxldyg via DXLD

In many areas France Info is no longer available now. Radio France (or rather TdF) have a plan to decommission MW transmitters wherever the

station is available on FM.

However they consider it is available if no stronger station is present within \pm 0.2 MHz. Modern DSP receivers can cope with that, but most receivers around are not digitally processed. A purely analog receiver will not receive these signals.

In my area the Nomeny station was a local daytimer. I never tuned to that relay since FM comes in loud and clear, but in the neighbouring mountainous area FM is of no use. For the people there FI is now only available after dark, via Nice or Marseille on 1557 & 1242 kHz.

I wish to goodness someone would tell the people in charge at TdF to THINK BEFORE THEY ACT !!! (RÈmy Friess, MWCircle yg via DXLD)

** GERMANY. Hi Glenn, Enclosed you'll find a press message from media broadcast in German. It tells the public that by the end of 2014 the Wertachtal transmittersite will be history. It will be completely demolished. They have not yet decided what to do with the premises. The procedures did start last May.

On May 22, 23 and 24 I was in Nauen at the transmittersite and helped scrapping the old Radio Netherlands transmitter iRi. This Telefunken S4001 100 kW DRM transmitter was moved from Flevo to Nauen in 2008. However for some unknown reason this transmitter never was completely rebuilt. The transmitter now must make room to install the newest Telefunken/Riz DRM transmitter that was installed in Wertachtal in 2003. This transmitter has a normal power of 500 kW and the maximum DRM power is 200 kW.

The transmitter will be operated on the old Radio Berlin tunable and steerable antenna that was built in 1964 by Funkwerk Koepenick. In 1997 the antenna was completely overhauled by AEG Telefunken and this antenna is use daily with a S4001 100 kW transmitter that was obtained in 2010 From the Juelich transmittersite in Germany near Cologne. The antenna can operate with a maximum power of 200 kW.

The former Radio Netherlands Transmitters 3 and 4 (Telefunken S4005, 500 kW) which were reinstalled in Wertachtal in 2008 will be scrapped. And parts will be transported back to the Netherlands Radio Transmitter Museum <http://www.omroepzendermuseum.nl>

All the other transmitters in Wertachtal will be sold to an interested buyer. If that is not possible, then the scrapheap will be the last resort for these transmitters too.

If you are interested in the Wertachtal site: Iive put some 600 pictures in a facebook photoalbum. The URL is :

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=oa.10152524221799356&type=1>
Met vriendelijke groet/Kind regards, (Jan Oosterveen, Transportradio
6095 Frequency Management, July 14, WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DX LISTENING
DIGEST) Viz.:

PRESSEMITTEILUNG 08.07.2014

Rückbau der Sendeanlage Wertachtal
Köln, Wertachtal 08.07.2014 ñ MEDIA BROADCAST, Betreiber von

Übertragungsplattformen und Senderanlagen und -netzen für TV und
Hörfunk, gibt den Rückbau der Sendeanlage Wertachtal in der Nähe von
Amberg/Schwaben (Bayern) bekannt. Von hier wurden bis zum 1. April
2013 Radioprogramme per Kurzwelle für nationale und internationale
Programmabnehmer weltweit ausgestrahlt. Aufgrund sinkender Nachfrage
nach der Radioverbreitung per Kurzwelle war der Standort nicht mehr
kostendeckend zu betreiben und wird geschlossen.

Die Demontage der rund 70 Antennen und 30 Turmanlagen soll bis Ende
2014 erfolgen. Details zur Demontage stehen erst nach Beauftragung
externer Anbieter fest. Die Zukunft des Geländes ist nicht
entschieden.

Hintergrund Wertachtal

Die Sendeanlage Wertachtal strahlte bis zum 1. April 2013
Radioprogramme per Kurzwelle weltweit aus. Zu den Kunden gehörten u.a.
die Deutsche Welle, Voice of America, Radio Netherlands Worldwide oder
Radio Croatia. Hierzu wurden rund 70 Antennen eingesetzt, die zwischen
30 Türmen mit einer Höhe von bis zu 125 Metern aufgespannt sind. Die
Programmverbreitung erfolgte mit 16 Sendern, wovon 14 Transmitter mit
einer Leistung von 500 kW, die übrigen Sender mit 100 kW betrieben
wurden. Die Anlage nahm ihren Sendebetrieb im Frühjahr 1972 auf. Mit
der Einstellung des regulären Sendebetriebes im April 2013 fungierte
Wertachtal als Back up Kurzwellenanlage für den Standort Nauen, der
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(via Jan Oosterveen, DXLD)

Wertachtal site will be demolished by yearend

This per the below referenced newspaper article, which also states that until very recently, transmitters there were still on stand-by and could have been turned on every time through remote control (Kai Ludwig, July 13, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

-----Original-Nachricht-----

Betreff: [A-DX] Demontage Wertachtal

Datum: Wed, 09 Jul 2014 07:35:15 +0200

Von: Thomas Schubaur

Nachdem Wertachtal seit 2013 außer Betrieb ist, soll bis Ende 2014 die Sendeanlage komplett abgebaut werden.

<http://www.augsburger-allgemeine.de/schwabmuenchen/Ausgefunkt-70-Antennen-und-30-Tuerme-verschwinden-id30526577.html>

Vy 73 (Thomas DL1TS, Schubaur, A-DX July 9 via Kai Ludwig, ibid.)

Farewell huge Wertachtal transmitting center --- the TDF-MBR shortwave transmitting center will be scrapped totally in August 2014.

Betrifft Wertachtal Solarstromfabrik-Feld hinkuenftig ...

Liebe KW-Freunde, dieses Schreiben ging heute an den SPIEGEL, FOCUS, BILD, ARD PANORAMA. Ob es hilft, die Katastrophe zu verhindern...????
73...PETER DJ8XW DE 14404

Sehr geehrte Redaktion des xxxxxxxx, im August 2014 soll die ehemalige DEUTSCHE WELLE Kurzwellen-Radiostation bei Buchloe / Bayern gesprengt

und verschrottet werden!

Damit hat Deutschland keine weltweite internationale Radiostimme mehr, mit der die Hoerer direkt per einfachem Kurzwellen-Radio ungestoert erreicht werden koennen!

Wie Sie wissen, kann man heutige Medien wie Internet, Satellit und Telefone sperren, abschalten oder beeinflussen! Denken Sie an aktuelle Ereignisse in der Ukraine, Irak, Afghanistan und China!

Diese groesste Sendestation Europas hat von 1972 bis 2006 die internationalen Programme der DEUTSCHEN WELLE Koeln-Bonn abgestrahlt, wurde dann an die "TELEDIFFUSION DU FRANCE" verkauft, ausserdem zahlte die DW 14 Mio. Euro Abstand weil ein langjaehriger Mietvertrag bestand.

Die Tochtergesellschaft "MEDIA BROADCAST Koeln" betrieb die Sender dann im Leasing fuer private und religioese fremdsprachliche Aussendungen bis die Auftraege ausblieben. Im Mai 2013 wurde die Station stillgelegt und soll in Kuerze abgerissen und verschrottet werden.

Noch heute bestehen 14 Sender mit 500 kW und 2 Sender mit 100 kW Leistung im Wert von vielen hundert Mio. Euro, jede der 60 Antennen zwischen den 29 Masten hat einen Wert von einer Mio. Euro, die Gesamtflaeche betraegt 134 Hektar. Die Anlage ist betriebsbereit.

Ich bitte Sie meine Angaben zu recherchieren und um einen entsprechenden Artikel in Ihren Medien damit massgebende Regierungsstellen auf diesen fuer Deutschland nachteiligen Missstand aufmerksam werden. Sonst wird ein einmaliges Sprachrohr Deutschlands und die Verbindung zu allen Deutschen im Ausland fuer immer vernichtet...

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<<http://www.wabweb.net/radio/sender/wertachtal.htm>>
(Peter Jenus-D DJ8XW, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 5)

NUN IST ES OFFIZIELL: das DW Wertachtal Sendezentrum wird verschrottet !!!

Liebe Funkfreunde, mir geht es wie Peter Jenus und ich gebe zu, Traenen in den Augen zu haben.

Da geht ein Stueck Technikgeschichte, das ich als HF-Fan von der Planungsphase (da war Wertachtal als Standort noch gar nicht gesetzt) bis eben jetzt zu seinem Ende engagiert mitverfolgt habe, dahin.

Fairwell Wertachtal and please take along my sincere greetings to Norddeich Radio in Radio Heaven. Ein todtrauriger Harald, DK10P (Harald Wickenhaeuser-D, via Peter Jenus-D, DJ8XW, TopNews July 11)

Nachdem Wertachtal seit 2013 ausser Betrieb ist, soll bis Ende 2014 die Sendeanlage komplett abgebaut werden.

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<<http://bilder.augsburger-allgemeine.de/img/schwabmuenchen/crop30526562/7817217930-ctopTeaser/EttringenRadio.jpg>>
(Thomas Schubaur-D DL1TS, A-DX July 9)

Langerringen - Ausgefunkt: 70 Antennen und 30 Tuerme verschwinden.

Die Sendeanlage Wertachtal bei Langerringen (Landkreis Augsburg) verschwindet aus der Landschaft - aus einem einfachen Grund.

Die Kurzwellen der Sendeanlage Wertachtal bei Langerringen ebben ab: Die komplette Anlage wird zurueckgebaut. Das gab der Betreiber, die Telekomtochter Media Broadcast aus Koeln, bekannt.

Die Sendeanlage Wertachtal, zu knapp 15 Prozent auf Langerringer Flur gelegen, ist bereits seit 2013 ausser Betrieb, konnte aber bisher per Fernsteuerung jederzeit reaktiviert werden. Rund 44 Jahre lang praegten die bis zu 125 Meter hohen Masten die Silhouette zwischen Gennach, dem Hauptort Langerringen und Amberg im Sueden.

Aufgrund der technischen Entwicklung und Verlagerung zum brandenburgischen Sendezentrum Nauen ist der Standort Wertachtal auch als Reservesendezentrum ueberfluessig geworden.

Demontage vom 70 Antennen und 30 Turmanlagen.

Nauen hat die aelteste bestehende Sendeanlage der Welt, entstanden Anfang des 20. Jahrhunderts. Nach Angaben von Langerringens Buergermeister Konrad Dobler sei nicht bekannt, wie eine Nachfolgenutzung des riesigen Gelaendes aussehen wird.

Vom Wertachtalsender wurden bis zum 1. April 2013 Radioprogramme per Kurzwelle fuer nationale und internationale Programmanbieter weltweit ausgestrahlt. Zu den Kunden gehoerten unter anderem die Deutsche Welle, Voice of America, Radio Netherlands Worldwide oder Radio

Croatia. Hierzu wurden rund 70 Antennen eingesetzt, die zwischen 30 Turmen mit einer Hoehe von bis zu 125 Metern aufgespannt sind.

Die Programmverbreitung erfolgte mit 16 Sendern, wovon 14 Transmitter mit einer Leistung von 500 kW, die uebrigen Sender mit 100 kW betrieben wurden. Die Anlage nahm ihren Sendebetrieb im Fruehjahr 1972 auf. Mit der Einstellung des regulaeren Sendebetriebs fungierte die Anlage im Wertachtal nur noch als Back-up fuer den Standort Nauen.

Aufgrund sinkender Nachfrage nach der Radioverbreitung per Kurzwelle war der Standort nicht mehr kostendeckend zu betreiben und wird geschlossen, so ein Sprecher von Media Broadcast. Die Demontage der rund 70 Antennen und 30 Turmanlagen soll bis Ende des Jahres erfolgen. Details zur Demontage stehen erst nach Beauftragung externer Anbieter fest. mimae/SZ.

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(July 9) (all via BC-DX July 12 via DXLD)

Notes about Wertachtal

The question has been raised when the last transmission went out from the Wertachtal plant:

This is not an easy question. The process to withdraw this facility started with a first big step on 1 April 2013, but some transmissions had been moved to other facilities only within the following four weeks. This is shown in the Media Broadcast operational schedules where the dead slots must be ignored, in particular those of Family Radio MB had still not finally written off at this point.

But also this is still not the full story. Apparently some Wertachtal transmitters had until recently been kept in stand-by, with black or even red heating, since the situation has been described as such that transmitters could still be turned on every time by way of remote control. It's not too unlikely that this had indeed been done at least once during this year, probably simply for maintenance as done also at Jlich during the last months it had still been maintained. Of course no such things will ever show up in HFCC & Co.

Wolfy just found a publication from 1990 that reveals some further, little known details:

The search for a suitable location for such a plant started already in 1962 but remained fruitless for years. The original idea was to use a location close to the Cologne studios, corresponding to the Jlich facility. When this turned out as impossible it has also been taken

into consideration that it is favourable for transmissions to North America and the Far East to use a location as much in the south as possible.

About 50 locations have been considered. First a place on the Iller river near Memmingen had been chosen, but a citizen action group prevented the post office from proceeding there. Only in 1968 the postal office could finally purchase another suitable property, the one where the transmitter plant was finally built.

Its designator became a political issue. The postal office wanted to use, as it always did with large transmitters, the name of the nearest larger town, in this case Mindelheim. But the municipalities around the location objected such a designator. The final settlement was to refer to the nearby Wertach river and add a "valley", hence "Wertachtal" (nowadays this is also a common approach for creating giant municipalities, consisting of countless villages/towns; but not so here).

The specifications called for eight transmitters of 500 kW each, usable to radiate in any direction, one program to multiple target areas as well as multiple programs to one target area simultaneously. This resulted in the need for about 70 antennas. Two transmitter halls of about 1000 square metres each have been built, each with space for six transmitters.

The foundations have been laid on 26 August 1969. A particular pressure arose from the need to have the new facility on air for the Olympic games at Munich. Telefunken had first to develop the transmitters, only a 100 kW version of transmitters with the required automatic tuning already existed. Still they managed to deliver the first transmitter in May 1971 and a second one shortly afterwards. After their installation these transmitters went on air for the first time on 11 and 12, respectively, April 1972, followed by the official inauguration ceremony on 12 June 1972. Further three transmitters followed in June/August.

Further four transmitters went on air between May and November 1974. Hereby Wertachtal was completed, with the agreed eight transmitters plus a ninth one not to be officially booked and reserved as aux exclusively. This enabled an availability of 99 percent although the transmitters were on air for up to 20 hours every day. The whole facility had an automated control system, thus a single engineer was able to manage the operation in spite of up to 20 daily frequency/antenna/ program changes for every transmitter.

Due to the heavy requirements of Deutsche Welle finally a tenth transmitter was added in 1982. Another even bigger expansion arose

unexpectedly in the mid-eighties when Voice of America approached the German side with their wish to replace the obsolete Ismaning equipment by four new transmitters on the Wertachtal plant.

With the original equipment this would not have been feasible, with only two of the original transmitter slots left. But at this point the next Telefunken transmitter generation with pulse-duration modulation was available, and its considerably more compact design made it possible to finally put up another six transmitters.

Actually VOA wanted to have four transmitters at its exclusive disposal. But this has been rejected by the postal office because it would have made any flexible transmitter use during maintenance and in cases of faults impossible. Thus instead a contract has been made that called for transmissions on four frequencies simultaneously, each slot with considerably less daily airtime than the around-the-clock transmissions of Deutsche Welle. On this foundation the Wertachtal plant took over the Ismaning shortwave frequencies between 1987 and 1989.

The article also mentions that the Wertachtal plant "attracted professional visitors from all over the world, in particular from China". Well, the Chinese even wanted to use it after their deal in Switzerland came to an end when the Lenk facility has been shut down, I already saw a draft schedule that called for Wertachtal slots similar to the previous Lenk ones. But finally Deutsche Welle got cold feet, thus no such transmissions ever took place, with the possible exception on unpublicized tests.

All this again raises the next questions: What has not been transferred from Ismaning to the Wertachtal plant was the 3980 kHz frequency. Finally Biblis took it over, but when exactly? Was this really as late as 1994, the year the site change has been noted in literature?

Who was the owner and operator of the Ismaning transmitters used by VOA in these days? The article mentions Bayerischer Rundfunk, is this correct? And what exactly was the deal with Woofferton? Was it the kind of total lease-out the West German postal office did not agree? (The current contracts of IBB with both Media Broadcast and Babcock are of course an entirely different story, obviously not compulsory at all, allowing IBB to cancel transmissions anytime, as they again did on 1 July when they took away 6.5 hours a day from Nauen alone.)

Btw, it has been hinted to me that it was essentially the commitment of Walter Brodowsky that saved the Wertachtal plant from being closed already at yearend 2006. It was by no means a matter of course that its operation would continue completely without Deutsche Welle at all.

Likewise the Christian Vision deal that prolonged the life of the Jlich site was a personal success of Walter.

Finally this: An assortment of tubes and spare parts from the Wertachtal stockings has been sent to ORS, which would not have been able to regularly purchase the stuff, enabling them to continue the operation of the Moosbrunn facility for the foreseeable future, whatever this means (it has already outlived the horizon considered as feasible just a few years ago).

Btw2, I have meanwhile developed a habit to tune the radio to 6155 kHz between getting up and leaving if this happens to fall within the 75 minutes of the token relay of \div sterreich 1 (taken off FM or maybe satellite now; all audio circuits from Vienna to Moosbrunn have already been shut down). This way, with the radio in the background, it would not even be obvious as a shortwave signal without the very hard dynamics compression that makes quite a mash of baroque music. And it is always a weird feeling, knowing that it is the very last signal of its kind (6 MHz from a quadrant antenna within Central Europe) and nobody knows how long it will still be there (Kai Ludwig, Germany, July 14, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

follow-up:

> In MBR's own A13 schedule there were several frequencies
> and times scheduled for Wertachtal. Most of the freqs mention
> MBR as the broadcaster. But having monitored these freqs myself
> I never found a transmission.

These were the former Family Radio slots I mentioned. Looks as if they just did not want to write off this customer too early, in vain of course.

> Having said this I think that the last transmission for
> Wertachtal was the one between 00:00-01:00 UTC on March 31,
> 2013 knowing the A13 schedule started with the beginning
> of summertime that night.

Summer time started two days earlier, and so the A13 season involved a lot of Wertachtal slots for a mere two days until they moved to Nauen, Issoudun or Moosbrunn. One could ask why they choose such an approach.

> I also think it is not true that some transmitters were
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> Wertachtal from Nauen is simply not possible.

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Fernsteuerung jederzeit reaktiviert werden."

(i.e. "the Wertachtal transmission facility [...] is out of service already since 2013, but until now it could be in any moment reactivated by remote control")

and

"Mit der Einstellung des regulären Sendebetriebs fungierte die Anlage im Wertachtal nur noch als Back-up f,r den Standort Nauen."

(i.e. "when the regular operations ceased, the Wertachtal facility functioned only as a back-up for the Nauen site anymore")

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Someone must have told the newspaper reporter all this...

> On the facebook page of PCJ-media (Keith Perron) I have
> put some 600 pictures of the Wertachtal site in a photo
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"Dieser Inhalt ist derzeit nicht verf,gbar"

(i.e. "this content is not available at present")

PS. In case someone wants to reprint my writing of last night: It must of course read "stocks". Saw this a second too late (Kai Ludwig, July 15, swsites yg via DXLD)

Kai, I think I can spread a little light on the issue of the last broadcast. In MBR's own A13 schedule there were several frequencies and times scheduled for Wertachtal. Most of the freqs mention MBR as the broadcaster. But having monitored these freqs myself I never found a transmission.

So I suppose these frequencies were only HFCC coordinated to have the possibility to return transmissions back to Wertachtal in case of emergency. Having said this, I think that the last transmission for Wertachtal was the one between 0000-0100 UT on March 31, 2013, knowing the A13 schedule started with the beginning of summertime that night.

What the exact transmission was I will ask the Wertachtal Manager as soon as I speak to him this week. I also think it is not true that some transmitters were left on black or red heating. Remote controlling of Wertachtal from Nauen is simply not possible. I know that on the Wertachtal site there is still one engineer. At the moment

his job is to dismount the TELEFUNKEN/RIZ 500 kW DRM transmitter for moving to Nauen. This transmitter is capable of doing DRM transmission with a max of 200 kW.

In Nauen it will be installed in the transmitterbuilding at Drechtower Damm 66 for use with the ex radio Berlin DUS antenna. This antenna also has a max of 200 kW. An Antenna Matrix switch is already in the building and in the control table in the main building there is already equipment to control transmitter 6 remotely.

To do this in May I have helped to take down the ex Radio Netherlands 100 kW DRM transmitter "R" which was transported to Nauen in 2008 and for some reason only partially rebuilt but never completed. A lot of parts from this transmitter were taken to the Netherlands by me and handed over to the Broadcast Transmitter Museum.

Anyone interested in the official Media Broadcast Press release of the Wertachtal closure, it can be found here:

http://www.media-broadcast.com/uploads/media/PM_Wertachtal_08072014.pdf

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Regards, (Jan Oosterveen, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Jan and Glenn:

"They have not yet decided what to do with the premises."

-> Merely agriculture I suspect. The place is a bit too remote to reach for me, but I saw accounts from others who called it "godforsaken", creating the impression that the facility is dead already when it still was in full swing.

ORS already considered this scenario: They are confident that selling the scrap metal will fully pay for dismantling the Moosbrunn facility, which in the cases of the curtain and especially the big rotatable antenna will not come cheap. It is being said that even a profit has been made from scrapping the Padarsko facility in Bulgaria. (And some remarks from Ivo raise a certain question in this regard.)

"This Telefunken S4001 100 kW DRM transmitter was moved from Flevo to Nauen in 2008. However for some unknown reason this transmitter never was completely rebuilt."

-> Was there a specific reason at all? A combination of low priority

due to lack of need and other, more urgent work to do would otherwise be the obvious explanation.

"this antenna is use daily with a S4001 100 kW transmitter that was obtained in 2010"

-> Another one now than the one wheeled in from Jlich in 2006 to reactivate the antenna after six years?

(The original 1964 transmitter, during the nineties also used for the noon transmission of RNW English, had been cancelled by Deutsche Welle in 2000 and subsequently scrapped. But the antenna has still been maintained and finally reactivated by own labour of the staff, who took away the transmitter from Jlich and set it up alone, which was feasible because it's a not too large box than can be run straight off standard 380 V three-phase power.)

"All the other transmitters in Wertachtal will be sold to an interested buyer."

-> You could suggest to offer the stuff to Teheran, as spare parts for Sirjan which is essentially the Persian Wertachtal, i.e. an entirely Telefunken-built facility. Perhaps also IBB could be interested in some tubes and parts, provided they still use their Telefunken at Greenville and have not taken it aside as a loner. And Sentech could be interested in stuff for the old transmitter generation, which they still operate at Meyerton and, if I remember correctly, meanwhile find it hard to find spares and the specific tube model for this gear. All the best, (Kai Ludwig, July 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. 0330 UT 10 July, 9935 was fair to good but with strange buzz: 9420 was good and 15630 fair. Kept tuning back every few minutes till at 0351 9935 had disappeared but other two were still going, with 9420 starting to drop in strength. Rx: Degen 1103 with ~10m of random wire (Theo Donnelly, Burnaby, BC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9935, July 11 at 0127, ERTOpen is on here again with Greek music, only marginally weaker and fadier than // 9420, with 15630 a close third. Theo Donnelly in Burnaby, BC tells me that the night before, 9935 went off by 0351 July 10 while the other two continued (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9935 on 11 July went off in mid-song at 0353 UT. TD (Donnelly, ibid.)

No ERT-open outlets from Avlis on air this July 11, checked today between 15 and 20 UT, all Avlis registrations are empty channels tonight. All usage of Avlis is VERY very irregular and un-reliable these days. Operation schedule changes every other day. Terrible

behaviour of the operation staff at the transmitting center. 73 wolfy (Wolfgang B,schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello Wolfy et al: When you are working for free, I guess you do the best you can do. I base my presumed schedule on Voice of Greece's last published A-13 Schedule (see attached File) and adjust from what I hear and what you good people send me. Regards, (John Babbis, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

You are right, John. The operating staffs of Avlis are working for free. They make every effort to inform listeners that are outside of Greece. The Government does not fund the Avlis. The A13 schedule has remained. I do not have the right to participate in HFCC. Best regards Babis [Charalampopoulos] July 14 (via John Babbis, DXLD)

At sunrise in Germany, July 12 at 3-4 UT heard Avlis on air, on channels 9420, 9935, and 15630 kHz. 73 wolfy (Wolfgang B,schel, ibid.)

9935, July 13 at 0105, open carrier/dead air, good signal, and still the same at rechex 0127, 0137. So Avlis has this transmitter on, but 9420 is off allowing weak IranQuran thru and nothing audible on 15630 or 15650 either.

15630, July 13 at 0526, music at poor level, no doubt ERT Open, despite hearing nothing but 9935 on the air earlier and that with dead air.

9935, July 14 at 0111, Greek music, good signal, // 9420 which has a little more fading, maybe caused by Iran SAH underneath; no ERT Opens in the 7s, 15s (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

GRC Avlis rebels, July 14, at 0830 UT ON AIR 9420, 11645 rather weak in Europe, 15630 kHz. I guess 11645 kHz - with lousy signal here - is meant either towards Moscow Russia, Siberia, or 180 degrees southwards Africa target, tiny signal in Germany. 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek till 0950
11645 AVL 100 kW / 182 deg to NoAf Greek till 0945
15630 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg to WeEu Greek till 0940
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, July 14, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ERT-open NOTHING ON AIR from Avlis, 18-19 UT July 14.

ERT-open NOTHING - NOT ON AIR from Avlis, 05-08 and 13-17 UT on July 15. But when checked at 1725 UT on July 15 noted ERT-open rebels radio singer ON AIR

9420 S=9+15dB -55dBm,
9935 S=9+10dB -62dBm,

15650 S=9+20dB -52dBm.
73 wb (Wolfgang B, schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9935, July 16 at 0100, ERT Open with Greek music, VG // 9420 but // 15630 is VP tonight. Next check at 0547, 15630 is now better than // 9420, and no third frequency found, playing, what else? ``Ring of Fire`` by Johnny Cash in English (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

GREECE ERT-open NOTHING - NOT ON AIR from Avlis, at 13-18 UT on July 16. 73 wb (Wolfgang B, schel, 1750 UT July 16, dxldyg via DXLD)

** HONG KONG. 13282 - Hong Kong Volmet - HKG - Recebido carta confirmat ria. 41 dias. V/S: Chi-lam Leung (Chief Aeronautical Communications Officer). Informe enviado por email: mailbox @ hko.gov.hk QTH: Civil Aviation Departmente Headquarters, 1 Tung Fai Road, Hong Kong International Airport, Lantau, Hong Kong A imagem da confirma o estar. dispon vel em breve em meu blog.
73 (Ivan Dias Jr. - Sorocaba/SP, <https://www.youtube.com/regionaldx> <http://ivandias.wordpress.com> <http://twitter.com/ivandiasjr>
July 16, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** INDIA. 13695, July 11 at 1235, S Asian vocal music, 1240 into talk, which Aoki shows as AIR Telugu via Bengaluru; fair with flutter.

11620, July 12 at 1353, JBA carrier perhaps AIR GOS, while 13710 is sufficient with music. Was hoping 11620 would pick up, as Dan Sheedy, California has been hearing it again.

9690, July 14 at 1349, AIR GOS with fair signal during Indian classical music with plenty of droning, in clear tnx to WRMI no longer BSing on it. // 13710 is about the same until *1357 CRI CCI starts at about equal level. // 11620 is inaudible if on. Dan Sheedy upon Moonlight Beach, California, agrees: ``11620 AIR GOS 1400+ 14 July. Unheard this morning so their brief reappearance was just that``

9870, AIR VBS also in July 14 at 1350 with pop music about same level as 9690 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 3345, RRI, Ternate, at 1136 with Islamic chanting - Poor with occasional ute that would cover RRI, 3325 Palangkaraya also poor this morning, July 12 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, listening in my car by the lake with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. [Re 14-28:]. . . 9525.88v, VOI. July 9 continues silent (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

July 10, VOI back on the air with English; noted at 1025. Ron 9525.86v, VOI. July 11 unusually strong signal, but with prominent het/hum; in English at 1310 with stock market info; "Commentary," "Today in History," "Focus"; 1331 gave the ten questions for the Wonderful Indonesia quiz;
<http://en.voi.co.id/voi-program-highlight/6894-wonderful-indonesia-quiz-2014>
Winner gets a trip to Indonesia! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9526-, July 12 at 1333, VOI achieves fair signal level, but fails to modulate it at all during English hour; what a pity, as no QRM either. But then VOI has been pitiful for years and years (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN. 15520, July 12 at 1346, S Asian language poor-fair with flutter. Aoki shows it's VIRI in Urdu at 1250-1420, 500 kW, 109 degrees from Kamalabad. At 1400, IRIB news fanfare.

9845, July 13 at 0106, oh-oh, something new is here, fair signal with Qur'an alternating with non-musical talk. Not // 9420, or Oman 9500 or Cairo 9965 (which is JBM with whine). I bet it's another augmented Iranian for Ramadan, and if this keep up could clash with Albania's only English to North America on same at 0130. Yes: 0120 Iran's IS plays but cuts off at 0121:34* before Tirana starts (tho it has been known to come on earlier than 0120), so neatly co`rdinated. It's the Turkish service at 0020-0120 only, 500 kW, 310 degrees from Sirjan, also USward, during Ramadan only. Are pious Turx really up so early at 3:20-4:20 am local, well before sunrise, listening to Iran? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also CUBA [and non] 6060

9845 UT is rather an additional mid early morning transmission in Turkey; as light breakfast program before sunrise. Usual service:
TURKISH 0420-0550 11925kam 13710kam = 0720-0820 LT
AZERI 0320-0520 11760sir = 0820-1020 LT
73 wb (Wolfgang B.schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Regarding the 9845 IRIB Turkish Ramadan service until 0121*, I should clarify what I meant about the timing: I was merely suggesting that an hour later than 0020-0120 UT for pre-sunrise breakfast would have been sufficient. Today's sunrise in Ankara was 0231 UT so a broadcast at 0120-0220 would have fit = 4:20-5:20 am local DST. But certainly not on 9845 due to Tirana! Perhaps I am mistaken in assuming people wake up earlier to feast and then stay up in the daytime rather than sleeping thru most of it. So have they turned off the 0420 UT Turkish service during Ramadan, or is it still running too? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re: Frequency change for Voice of Islamic Republic of Iran ---
Actually this is not a frequency change of the Sirjan outlet. 9860 was
supposed to be French from Kamalabad at this hour and is still shown
as such in HFCC (Kai Ludwig, July 11, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9570 1700 1800 52E,53,57N BEI 500 257 0 218 1234567 300314 251014 D
10430 Eng CHN CRI RTC 8734
9570 1820 1920 28S SIR 500 305 0 211 1234567 300314 251014 D
SQI IRN IRB IRB 436 ALBANIA

9860 1720 1820 27,28 SIR 500 319 0 218 1234567 060714 251014 D
DEU IRN IRB IRB 17222 GERMANY
9860 1820 1920 27,28 KAM 500 310 0 206 1234567 300314 251014 D
FRA IRN IRB IRB 454 FRENCH-
(via Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

Sorry, I was a bit too much in a hurry when writing my earlier post
concerning the frequency change for IRIB German tonight, being
confused by their odd timings. Instead of amending my earlier post I
complete supersede it by this:

This new 9860 for IRIB German is also scheduled for French 1820-1920,
originating from Kamalabad. When I checked German 1720-1820 on July 6,
the day the change came into force, I found 9860 sounding like // 7410
and being in synch with it. A // Sirjan signal, like the previous 9570
(which indeed was gone), would run ahead (the feed circuits to
Kamalabad have a longer delay than those to Sirjan) and have the bass
range suppressed (this high-pass filtering with a cut-off hardly below
150 Hz is in place at Sirjan but not at Kamalabad).

So obviously both frequencies for German 1720-1820 now originate from
Kamalabad, where in practice 9860 should simply now go on air already
at 1720 while the Sirjan signal so far used for German has been
cancelled. This was certainly the easiest way to implement this
frequency change. However, 9860 is not clear until 1800 either but
already in use by CRI for Chinese to the Middle East. Thus I wonder if
this is merely a not so successful attempt to quickly replace a
disturbed frequency or maybe also, perhaps even primarily, a move to
relieve Sirjan of this transmission (Kai Ludwig, ibid.)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. CLANDESTINA, 6003.1, Eco de EsperanÁa, Suweon,
Coreia do Sul, 2215-..., 14/7, emiss,ºo em coreano destinada ª Coreia
do Norte, texto; modulaÁ,ºo muito fraca; 34332, QRM adjacente. 73
(Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. UZBEKISTAN, Voice of Martyrs on new frequency
from July 12:

1600-1730 NF 7510 TAC 100 kW / 065 deg to KRE Korean, ex 7530.
Two videos from July 14 with very poor reception:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/07/voice-of-martyrs-on-new-frequency-from.html>
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/07/broadcasts-of-hcjb-via-media-broadcast.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH. 15575, Sat July 12 at 1353, on KBSWR, I can tell it's Farmington's Kevin O'Donovan, but too poor to read much of it. He mentions World Cup and hearing it from Brasil, like 11780; ending at 1355, says he will be back next week. Inferior signal to Iran Urdu on 15520 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGST)

** KOREA SOUTH. 5857.5, HLL2 Seoul. July 11. So the good news with Voice of Jinling abandoning 5860, is that this station can again be heard in the clear after 1230. At *1400 with rapid fire Korean; 1410 switched to English (also spoken very quickly); 1421 over to Chinese; best audio seemed to be in USB, but decent signals also in AM + LSB mode; garbled audio with weather information; does not help that the information is given at a very rapid rate; "Wind direction . . . this afternoon" (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH. Hi again Glenn, Thank you for the info on the Jammer. I have many other questions for you regarding shortwave "anomalies" going back to my youth, but I will ask them another time.

[VOICE OF FREEDOM:] The second transmitter is just a back-up on the same frequency. It is up and running. We have our final Military Inspection tomorrow. If all goes well, I can go home.

I have tried to convince them to use a second frequency, (Lower, maybe in 60 meters.). However as of now they are staying on 6135. They don't have any means of QSL right now, but I will speak with the Commanding Officer regarding this, and perhaps they will set up a mailbox, or E-mail for QSL. It doesn't seem very high on their priority though, Glenn. Broadcast times are as follows;

0800 to 0000 UT (1700 to 0900 local time. Overnight broadcast)
0300 to 0500 UT (1200 to 1400 local time. Lunch Broadcast)
This is an unusual sked, but I understand the reasoning. The people in the target area are unlikely to be listening between 9 am and 5 pm local time. However, strangely enough, they leave the transmitter on during the silent period. The location I can't disclose. I'm very sorry.

In regards to the Solomon Islands, I understand the dropping of 9545

kHz. Right now it has a considerable skip zone even in the daytime so not a wise frequency for their target. In fact, even 6 MHz is giving us trouble here in Korea. As I mentioned, under current propagation conditions, 60 meters is the best band for the situation in both cases. Weird coincidence but I just received an E-mail from a gentleman I worked with in Japan on the SIBC transmitter.

OK Glenn, that's about it for now. Had some down time while waiting for ride to bring me to Transmission site, for a last check before big inspection tomorrow. I'm a little nervous. Transmitter #2 gave me some trouble last week, and honestly, I don't really know how I solved it. One of strange intermittent problems that disappear, only to return when the customer is standing in front of the transmitter with you. (Ask any Shortwave Engineer; this ALWAYS happens!!) Thanks for the info Glenn. Best Regards (Jamie Labadia, July 13, WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KUWAIT. Radio Kuwait was observed July 14 again with broadcast in Bangla 1500-1545 on 21540 KBD 500 kW / 310 deg to WeEu, instead [sic] Arabic General Service 1545-1600 on 15540 KBD 300 kW / 100 deg to SoAs, before the start of Urdu Service.

Seven videos from July 14, first two and last two with very poor reception: And video for Urdu Service 1600-1800 on 15540 KBD 300 kW / 100 deg to SoAs, very poor reception today:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/07/radio-kuwait-again-with-broadcast-in.html>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15515, R. Kuwait, Jul 16 0454-0504, 35443, Arabic, Arabic music and news, ID at 0500 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LUXEMBOURG. Some words about the state of affairs in regard to the Marnach 1440 kHz transmitter:

The decisive point is that China Radio International wants to continue its use of 1440 kHz; I understand that the transmission contract has already been prolonged accordingly.

Thus BCE successfully took the government of Luxembourg, which did not want to prolong the operational permit for this facility beyond 30 Dec 2014, to court. The court ruled that the fieldstrength limit of 3 V/m, specified in an EU directive the government refers to, applies to electric equipment in general but not to transmission facilities where the radiation of an electromagnetic field is not an unwanted side effect but the very purpose.

Reportedly the disturbances around the transmission facility were particularly bad when the two-mast UK antenna has been used, thus the idea of the possible compromise to exclude this antenna from further operations. It is already out of use anyway since last September, when CRI took French and English off the Marnach transmitter in favour of a much expanded German service.

By the way, the German programming that is put on 1440 in between CRI and the paid religion will no longer be produced in Luxembourg as of 2016. This service called "RTL Radio" will move to Berlin, continued employment there will be offered to the eight staff members left after earlier cuts. The decline of this service became apparent in last December when its FM version has been discontinued; the Dudelange and Hosingen FM transmitters now just carry the satellite/cable programming, too. In Germany RTL Radio has an alleged market share of 0.8 percent (600,000 listeners a day). But doubts about this figure persist because it does not appear to be a far-fetched scenario that in phone surveys this RTL Radio gets confused with those FM operations in Germany called "RTL", too (104.6 RTL, 89.0 RTL, Hitradio RTL).
(Kai Ludwig, Germany, July 14, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR. 13840, July 13 at 0528 surprised to hear a couple words of English here, ``today's show`` then dead air. No doubt it's the wrapup of the 0500 NHK World English broadcast not supposed to be on this frequency; yes, audio back up at 0529 for the full off-topic English schedule announcement, and 0530 ``Sakoura``, into ``NHK World Radio Japon`` opening scheduled French. Alla Vaticana, MGLOB operators are also sloppy, not paying attention to when they should bring up the modulation from the feed. Normally this is accompanied by another French broadcast next door on 13830, VOA via Botswana, but that's M-F only (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. 5964.7, Klasik Radio at 1217 in Bahasa May with pop songs, woman DJ, 1233 mention of Malaysia then back to music - Fair July 12.

7295, Malaysia off the air today

9835, Sarawak FM at 1107 in Bahasa Malay, man with news, 1110 music, 1115 ID - Fair July 12

11665, Wai FM at 1115 in Bahasa Malay, woman host talking to a young girl, 1125 children's chorus singing "Mary Had a Little Lamb" in English, 1127 "Wai FM" IDs - Fair July 12 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, listening in my car by the lake with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11665, July 13 at 1223, rock music in Santana style, multi-station ID mentioning Wai FM and also Klassik, mobile access; fair-good signal, better than usual, Wai FM mentioned again. 1326 still there but weaker (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6050, Asyik FM (via RTM, Kajang) 1300+ 14 July. Having modulation problems today -- decent carrier but no audio. For the past few weeks, Traxx FM-7295 has been off as well (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA G5/4.5 m X wire Jr., DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 710-, July 12 at 0501 UT, XEDP, CuauhtÈmoc, Chihua2 is off-frequency again, making a LAH with KCMO. My keyboard barely reaches it at the low end, circa F below middle-C, or 175 Hz, vis-‡-vis more like F# of 185 Hz the last time I checked, i.e. now 709.825 kHz or so. In cases like this, one wonders if station be alternating two different transmitters.

710-, July 16 around 0545 UT, tell-tale het again from XEDP Ciudad CuauhtÈmoc, Chihuahua, which jumps on and off frequency from one night to the next. I haven't yet noted whether it is a strict alternation (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO [and non]. 860, July 12 at 0503 UT, a nice NAFTA mix: French Canadian talk atop, certainly CJBC Toronto, vs CBS news from KKOW Kansas, and Mexican NA in the background, 0504 UT followed by full ID for Monterrey, i.e. XENL, 5/2 kW per IRCA. Too much QRM to copy details such as slogan, listed as ``Radio Recuerdo, Canal 860''. Predominant SAH of 2 Hz, almost matching the beat of the NA, so not sure which duo of the trio match and which mono be off. MWOffset list includes only CJBC which in January 2012 was 1.5 Hz high. I might not have caught this if there had been a Fox-hole on 960 KGWA which I was checking first at 0500 UT (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 6184.98 at 2355, Radio EducaciÛn, Mexico City, Very soft spoken Spanish (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, July 15 - UT July 16, Perseus, end fed antenna, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** MEXICO. A bit of Es DX on channel A2, July 11 at 1411 from SSW, but nothing further develops.

Analog-only sporadic E July 11, UT:

2340 on 2, as I am watching CKND-2 from Manitoba to the north, Spanish overcomes it, so I rotate toward Mexico for the rest: Televisa-9 Gala swirl bug in LR

2341 on 4, Azteca-13 bug in UR during novela

2343 on 2, old B&W Mexican musical movie

2346 on 2, Televisa-9 Gala bug in LR, western movie, signs of color

2348 on 6, MUF pops up to here, Televisa-5 bug in LR

UT Saturday July 12:

0002 on 6, CCI, now more than one station propagating, but no FM

0026 on 4, algo, as MUF has dropped, and sports on 2

0031 on 2, Azteca promo could be for 7 or 13

0040 on 2, sports/gymnastics/games, Azteca-7 bug UR; NINJA graphic

0041 on 2, 'Simpsons' opening sequence again at this odd time, dubbed; Azteca 7 bug UR

0048 on 2, Azteca-13 promo on Azteca 7

0058 on 2, all that's left is some CCI here as I head to the porch for my evening SW monitoring session

0137 on 2, back at the TV, *still* Simpsons --- two eps in a row?

Next morning, July 12, more:

1459 on 2, antenna south, fades in rap music video in English, extreme letterboxing, i.e. large black blox atop & abottom; circular bug in UL comes and goes. Nice steady signal for a while. Some Spanish thrown into video, ``caliente``; 1502 black screen for a while, and 1503 neat video showing impressive TV transmission tower and antenna (channel 2 makes for the biggest elements), and finally animated ID for ``XEFE La Imagen Familiar`` with the usual very big call letters. That's Nuevo Laredo again, one of our closest possible XE TVDX stations, 1005 km/625 miles (while XEPN-3 is 892/554 away, XEPM-2 947/588). I wonder if XEFE stands for ``Frontera Extrema``. Now same-offset CCI is growing

1501 on 3, algo

1504 on 3 // 2, docu about Islandia, with junior rating

1505 on 3, live action, maybe same as above, now with Televisa-5 LR

1539 on 2, fade-in lucha libre promo on Canal 13

1606 on 2, fade-in YL in front of PLAN B graphic; time bug in UR

1626 on 2, still various CCI in and out on 2

1629 on 2, studio dance show, www.neovision.tv super at bottom, also with phone number. Website *acerca de* says only: ``Somos un canal de TV que se preocupa por ofrecerte contenido de calidad para toda la familia. Buscamos promover la cultura, valores y buenas costumbres. ``Gracias por vernos!`` and has various programs, both news and entertainment, but whence, on what station(s)?? ``Contacto`` has no physical address, only by webform, so I sent:

``Esta mañana del sábado veo su programación en canal 2 a larga distancia en Oklahoma. ¿Cuál es la televisora en la frontera? ¿Dónde se ubica su cadena?`` [unanswered]

1632 on 2, music video letterboxed, again circular bug in UL, probably the XEFE ``2``

1640 on 2, still signals in and out, mostly out after 1700

Weak sporadic E TV-DX, July 13, UT:

1702 on 2, Spanish from the SSW, 5 minutes after getting English from the NE, presumed Ont.; see CANADA

1805 on 2, heavy CCI from SSW, Spanish, World Cup coverage

1805 on 4, algo. CCI at least on 2 continues for a while but nothing specific (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

And more July 14 UT, already in progress at turn-on, tune-in 1419 UT:

1419 on 2, Spanish CCI from SSW; also algo on 3, 5

1435 on 2, f bug in LR = Televisa-4 net; 1437 news about Ukraine

1452 on 5, 5 bug in lower right, not like the Televisa-5 one we have seen so far: no longer italic, and not encircled, just a bold dark 5, with lite/white outlining. Haven't made out what color the 5 is. It's still Televisa-5 net, possibly flagship XHGC MÈxico DF itself. We find:

New programming effective today July 14, and new logo on website:

<http://i2.esmas.com/2014/07/04/668568/nuevos-estrenos-de-canal-5-1024x768.jpg>

However the 5 logo on this page is not exactly like the one on screen, but both are non-italic; star inside the lower hook of the 5 filling the hole. Still with the old logo, italic 5 in a circle with a star to

the upper right of the 5:
<http://tvdxtips.com/mexlogos.html>

1459 on 5, something else with studio announcer, game show? Soccer ball

1507 on 2, boxeo, f-bug in LR, CCI

1509 on 5, Ping,inos de Madagascar animation, new 5 bug (reminds me of what used to be KXAS-5 DFW, but not any more). Televisa Canal 5 program schedule, also via above site, for today July 14 does not show the Penguins until 1630 UT! At 1500 UT = 10 am HCM = CDT is supposed to be Monstruos vs Aliens

1515 on 6, pan handling, maybe cooking show; hasten to turn off my RF feeder on 87.9 which was RFIing its video, but quickly gone again. Never find any FM DX

1516 on 2, 'Matutino Express' show going to a commercial break. That's on Televisa-4 = Foro-TV net (BTW ``foro'' is not Spanish for ``four'')

1517 on 2, Nixon resignation video & audio with subtitles, ``desde el archivo visual de Televisa''. OK ---

1524 on 5, still Ping,inos, with same-offset CCI

1528 on 3, ``Somos Mexicanos'' federal PSA for the legislature

1532 on 3, Ping,inos here too, so Televisa-5 net; XHBQ Zacatecas?

1608 on 3, ditto with new 5 bug LR

1613 on 3, Four? YLs in a row, bug in LR is an equilateral parallelogram but can't make out its contents; nothing similar at tvdxtips.com ñ may not be a net or station ID

1616 on 2, astrological advice show, apparently live with the fraud taking phone calls, lots of numbers and Veracruz locations on screen including Xalapa at 1616, Poza Rica at 1622. Occupying the LR bug corner are alternating horoscopic symbols; so it's certainly XHFM

1621 on 4, TVMAS among the constant lettering at screen bottom, slightly left of center, with studio demonstration, cooking? So XHGV, Las Lajas, Veracruz

1630 on 2, new show starting, not sure if same station as horoscope, MUJER in title, including lipstick cylinder flying across the screen. Novela, I guess, rather than talkshow

TeleVer program page

<http://www.televisaregional.com/veracruz/programacion/>

verifies that the 1600 horoscope nonsense is titled 'Que Vuelan Vuelan', (which I also heard mentioned, but what does this mean idiomatically? Something about flying); and the 1630 novela(?) is 'Mujer --- Casos de la Vida Real'

1637 on 2, ad for knee treatment which has now come to Veracruz! CCI

1639 on 2, animated TeleVer ID showing XHFM, and Bocas de Oro, which is apparently a resort area in the state

1645, MUF remains down to channel 2, with plenty of CCI

1656 on 3, animation, net 5 bug LR, // audio on 2 amid CCI

1702 on 2, heavy CCI, novela vs talk show

1704 on 2, TeleVer animated promo/ID = XHFM

1720 on 3, novela

1738 on 3, 4, 5, weak Spanish

1744 on 4, TVMAS ID animated with 3-D non-Rubik cube logo = XHGV

1746 on 4, 20-kHz CCI to above from Televisa-5 with LR bug

1757 on 2, promo for Info-7 app, and Azteca-7 bug in LR along with time and temp; then huge INFO 7 occupying left side of screen behind anchorette, Tampico mentioned, so XHTAU as suspected

1807 on 2, still CCI, occasionally up to 3 and 4

1811 on 2, promo mentions Acapulco, but not enough to assume XHAP-TV; then also mentions Tamaulipas, as also still XHTAU

1813 on 2, old western movie, maybe Teleactiva bug in UR as in XEFB-TV, Monterrey. Program schedule is coming up blank:

<http://www.televisaregional.com/monterrey/programacion/?c=2#>

Then I checked some online TV program guides and found Teleactiva not even listed, besides scads of cable channels, many of them from USA. 0, bug in UR is just digital clock

1830 on 2, quiz show

1842, Still some CCI on 2 as I close this report. 6m Es maps checked a few times during this opening have showed little if any activity between here and Mexico.

1845 on 2, SEP PSA [Secretaría de Educación Pública]

1847 on 2, Mexican western movie, B&W? No bugs; opening fading out

2244 on 2, fade-in & out somestation with clock bug in UR, as seen earlier; what's it? Same station at 2249 full-screen ID as +v, and opening credits for another old Mexican movie. Therefore it's XEW0-TV Guadalajara. Rather than temp to the right of the clock, IIRC, it's a tiny +v logo [M-s Vision], which is just about invisible, too far into the corners on both my overscanned monitors. So XEW0-TV applies to the earlier log at 1813 which had been suspected as XEFB-TV Monterrey [WORLD OF RADIO 1730]

Sporadic E analog TVDX started coming in just as I was completing the last report: July 15, UT:

1553 on 2, antenna south, weak video, guys talking

1616 on 2, aiming NE since 6m maps show opening up there, but I hear Spanish, so back to SSW for much more signal, also CCI on 4

1625 on 4, Televisa-2 promo for Cantinflas movie on Saturday afternoon; seems more S than SW so not XHBS Los Mochis?

1632 on 2, CRASH TEST DUMMY lettering on screen --- no wonder they say it in English; in studio interview from Azteca-13

1633 on 4, Televisa-2 again star bug in LR, studio talk show

1640 on 2, Azteca-13 mentions ``Siempre Acapulco'', name of novela

1645 opening fades out (and no sign of any more Es for the next 23 hours at least)

Sporadic-E analog TV DX, July 16, UT:

1742 on 2, weak video signal, animation, new Televisa-5 net bug LR

1942 on 2, next check after a break, algo from southwest, with an 01-800 phone number across the bottom (It's started raining here; for some reason seldom get Es DX when it's raining; and continues all afternoon for 2.5 inches; at least no thunder for a while, so I can leave the antennas connected.)

2009 on 2, glimpse of FOX on someone's hand-held mike. So could it be XHRI0 Matamoros, now with Mundo-Fox?

2012 on 2, ad mentions ``el valle'', another clue toward XHRI0 in El Valle del Rio Bravo, but hardly certain. 'S720' at the top, with an f; 2013 ad for Colegio del Occidente. (Searched later: as the name implies, there are several of these in Sinaloa, Sonora); 2014 program 'Barra Deportiva', and Grupo Pacifico circle 2 bug in upper right, so XHI Ciudad ObregÛn, Sonora or one of its clones

2028 on 2, CCI is now heavier

2039 on 2, gala swirl bug in LR among CCI, i.e. Televisa-9 net

2040 on 2, now there's an f bug in LR, i.e. Televisa-4 net

2104 on 4, Azteca-13 bug in UR; at times it vaporizes, resumes

2111 on 4, Azteca-13 is VG now with novela; while 2 with Gala has CCI

2145 on 4, Hermosillo addresses visible in ads; 2147 snow-free

2147 on 2, music show with Tu Canal bug in UR = XEPM Ju-rez

2213 on 2, movie from Tu Canal; this and Gala are same offset producing heavy QRM; W9WI.com shows CiJz an H'so are both zero offset and so is XHI; Hepburn map agrees, but so are plenty of others

2218 on 2, Gala with promo(?) for Las Noticias por Adentro, so Hermosillo? Mixed with CCI from Tu Canal movie

2219 on 2, Gala TV promo for 'Pasillo TV' show at 4 pm

2227 on 2, Gala with less CCI

2232 on 2, video from one, audio from the other

2248 thunder starts and opening fades out by 2300, so about to close down here

2304 on 2, brief resurgence of algo

2338 on 2, TV back on, Gala swirl in LR, poor, nothing more.

Recapping, this setup is getting to be familiar: XEPM Ju-rez on 2 in same direxion as Hermosillo XHMMA on 2 with Gala; Hermosillo XHHSS on 4 with Azteca 13 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. SALEN DEL AIRE NUEVE EMISORAS ILEGALES EN OAXACA
[but only temporarily as a precaution; not in any listings??]

Una falsa alarma de que habría un operativo policial para desactivar nueve estaciones de radio "piratas" que funcionan en esta ciudad del Valle Central oaxaqueño bajo el esquema de "comunitarias", provocó que salieran del aire en medio de las protestas de sus patrocinadores, incluyendo al presidente municipal, el neopanista Pedro Ruiz González, quien promueve "Así se oye", que opera en la frecuencia 91.5 de FM.

Es que en esta población del Valle Central oaxaqueño funcionan desde hace cinco años nueve radiodifusoras "piratas", que son: "Tlacolula Radio", en el 90.5 de FM; "Así se oye", en el 91.5; "Estéreo Valle", en el 104.5; "Radio Lula", en el 106.9; "Estéreo Mágico", en el 90.5; "La Arrasadora", en el 99.1; "Somos Uno Radio", en el 88.7; Romanti-k en el 97.3, y "Radio Latido", en el 103.7, todas de Frecuencia Modulada.

La "radiodifusora" "Así se oye", que se ostenta como "la primera de Tlacolula", es propiedad de Novel Luis Medina, quien funge como director de Comunicación Social del Ayuntamiento, y es el único medio de comunicación que difunde información del municipio Ruiz González, quien llegó a la presidencia de Tlacolula apoyado por la coalición "Unidos por el Progreso", que conformaron los partidos PRD, PAN y PT. De acuerdo con versiones de habitantes de la población, Angel Pérez Aguilar es propietario de dos "radiodifusoras" (Estéreo Valle y Radiolula), y cuenta a más de 60 empresas entre sus anunciantes, a las cuales les cobra 1 mil pesos mensuales, pero facturado como una empresa de publicidad dedicada al "perifoneo".

Por su parte, "Estéreo Mágico" es propiedad del efímero síndico municipal Eliodoro Morales Mendoza, mientras que "Somos uno radio" es operada por el ex presidente municipal priista Jorge Morales Hernández.

El silencio de las frecuencias fuera de la ley se dio entre las 12:00 y 16:30 horas; sin embargo, al final del día se estableció que todo fue falsa alarma y reanudaron operaciones, sin que hasta el momento alguna autoridad estatal o federal se haya pronunciado al respecto. Así, esta población del Valle Central oaxaqueño confirma lo que pregonó Angel Pérez, dueño y "locutor" de dos emisoras clandestinas, quien se hace llamar "El gordito de la salsa": "Tlacolula, la capital mundial del pan de cazuela y de las radios piratas". (tomada de E-Oaxaca) (via GRA blog via DXLD)

** MICRONESIA. 4755 at 1153-1159 UT. PMA The Cross on July 4.
VG/excellent signal of contemporary Christian music, including 'Hunger in My Heart'. Off suddenly at 1159 UT with three quick, rising-pitch

electronic tones, and carrier was gone (Guy Atkins, Puyallup-WA-USA, DXplorer July 4 via BC-DX July 12 via DXLD)

** MYANMAR. Update: July 16 - Wednesday, on 9730, at 1104 heard "Lesson 2 - Taking a reservation over the phone,"
http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/sites/default/files/vn_eft_2_001.pdf

So after the last lesson of the series ("Lesson 26 - A Job Interview"), that was broadcast on July 2 (Wed.), they started the whole series of ABC/Radio Australia lessons all over again, starting with Lesson One last week (Monday & Wednesday). 9730 often running late these days. Today on past 1140. In the past normally off sometime close to 1130 (Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEWFOUNDLAND. 6159.962, CKZN, St. Johns, 7-Jul-14, 0125 - CBC Radio One 'Inside the Music' program. Fair signal in LSB synch with RHC-6165 moderately phased. 73, (Brandon Jordan, Fayette County, TN
<http://www.swldx.us> dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6159.949, CKZN, St. John's at 0345 UT on July 12, in Rochester NY, and [non] 6159.979, CKZU Vancouver noted in CA-US. Latter had a report of former YUG Sebrenica massacre by Serbian general Mladic in the 90ties, and the Bosnian muslims mourning ceremony on July 11, and of the corpse body identification DNA analysis (Wolfgang B, schel, wwdx BC-DX TopNews July 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CANADÍ, 6159.95, CKZN, S,,o Jo,,o da Terra Nova, 2215-2225, 13/7, inglís, notici·rio da CBC Radio 1; 34332, QRM adjacente. 73 (Carlos GonÁlves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND [and non]. Oregon Cliff (Rockwork 4) Ultralight DU's for 7-13. NZ on the Warpath!

Hello All, The one week "Cliffhanger" DXpedition to Rockwork 4 (south of Cannon Beach, OR) kicked off this morning with a bang as several Kiwi stations pounded in at huge levels. The 400' (122m) sheer ocean side cliff usually has a preference for New Zealand signals, but it typically allows a few Australian stations to sneak through as well. This morning was one of the very rare July days when Australia was totally MIA, though -- without even a trace on even the "big gun" frequencies of 576, 774, 792 or 891. On the other hand, 531-PI and 702-Radio Live (not listed in any Grayland DXpedition logs) pounded in at legendary levels, while other Kiwi stations also behaved like ground-wave locals.

The cliff was foggy and soggy at the 1100 UT (0400 local) start time, but at least the recent Highway 101 Rockwork construction work seems

to have been wrapped up. The usual Kiwi big guns on 531, 567, 657 and 675 were vibrant during sunrise enhancement, but they were joined by the star of the morning, 702-Radio Live, with a freakishly strong signal around 1238. 1503-Radio Sport also was received at a potent level at 1248, apparently receiving a boost from the new-design high band coil system on the 15" DXpedition FSL

<http://www.mediafire.com/view/7bkbc9rzg2koq2k/15inchDXFSL-014.jpg>

The lack of Aussie signals made it a relatively short session as the Kiwi stations began to lose steam after 1300. Usually the Aussie big guns rule the roost after 1300 (even at Rockwork 4), but this morning they seemed to be in complete hibernation. Tomorrow morning they will probably blast in as usual, though. It was a pretty wild session, with about 20 Kiwi stations showing up with audio -- almost like the Cliff was an additional piece of NZ real estate.

531, PI, Auckland, NZ (5 kW) Blasting in at a legendary level with Samoan choral music and speech at 1228

<http://www.mediafire.com/listen/7j41yjb829w2b8k/531-PI-1228z071314PL380.MP3>

567, RNZ, Wellington, NZ (50 kW) Kiwi big gun with a decent signal at 1233, but with some Seattle splatter

<http://www.mediafire.com/listen/xa26su6vizsbfy7/567-RNZ-1228z071314PL380.MP3>

603, Radio Waatea, Auckland, NZ (5 kW) Maori music at good level at 1226, // 765-Kahungunu

<http://www.mediafire.com/listen/bbbdc0d9r5qbmfy/603-R.Waatea-1226z071314PL380.MP3>

675, RNZ, Christchurch, NZ (50/10 kW) Strong music at 1259 // 567 and other frequencies

<http://www.mediafire.com/listen/06jts8qb1iqucjp/675-RNZ-1259z071314PL380.MP3>

702, Radio Live, Auckland, NZ (10 kW) The Kiwi Star of the Session with a huge signal (ID's and advertisements) at

1238 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/jkaprz63gp7g2i9/702-RadioLive-1238z071314PL380.MP3>

738, R. Polynesie, Mahina, Tahiti (20 kW) Strong French music at 1244

<http://www.mediafire.com/listen/7e0ozizt8ar8xhz/738-R.Polynesie-1244z071314PL380.MP3>

1503, Radio Sport Wellington, NZ (5 kW) Presumed the one with "I want sports" ad among others

<http://www.mediafire.com/listen/q8dnvd2uwqxvz5b/1503-R.Sport-1248z071314PL380.MP3>

73 and Good DX, (Gary DeBock (in Cannon Beach, OR) DXing at the "Rockwork 4" ocean side cliff (Tillamook Co., OR) 7.5" loopstick Tecsun PL-380 Ultralight + New 15" Medium Wave DXpedition antenna

<http://www.mediafire.com/view/7bkbc9rzg2koq2k/15inchDXFSL-014.jpg>
July 13, IRCA via DXLD)

Oregon Cliff (Rockwork 4) Ultralight DU's for 7-14

Hello All, The "Kiwi Cliff" delivered its usual fare of vibrant New Zealand signals this morning, although unlike yesterday, propagation was open to other Pacific areas. In fact, the only really exceptional signal was the South Australian big gun 891-5AN during a late surge prior to 1300, although 738-Tahiti's monster signal did manage to throw some splatter on SF pest 740-KCBS (a daytimer here at Rockwork 4) around 1247. The session also included the bizarre appearance of 594-JOAK -- the first Japanese station to crash DU-DXing at the "Kiwi Cliff" during three years of July DXpeditions.

Rockwork 4 was again foggy and soggy at the 1100 UT (0400 local) start time, but it soon became obvious that the Kiwi propagation was a shade down from yesterday's. The big guns on 567 and 657 took their time getting untracked, and after yesterday's legendary appearance 702-Radio Live sounded pretty Dead. A potent carrier on 594 at 1233 turned out to be JOAK, which made me wonder if other NHK big guns were going to crash the entire session. Fortunately they did not, and several Kiwi regulars like 594-NZ Rhema, 675-RNZ, 684-NZ Rhema and 765-R. Kahungunu began to build up strength.

Although Aussie stations had been completely hut out for two days the LR Network big gun 891-5AN suddenly faded in with a blistering signal at 1253, apparently riding a different propagation path than the eastern Australian MIA group. 738-Tahiti also turned the tables briefly on its constant nemesis 740-KCBS, blasting in with enough of a signal to slightly chop up the nulled Californian at 1247. Such was the story of a rather bizarre morning.

531, PI, Auckland, NZ (5 kW) Potent Samoan female speech at 1228, but not at yesterday's legendary level

<http://www.mediafire.com/listen/gxv2x3ytwm9zc8f/531-PI-1228z071414PL380.MP3>

594, NZ Rhema, Timaru/ Wanagnui, NZ (5 kW/ 2 kW) Christian contemporary music at fair-good level at 1233

<http://www.mediafire.com/listen/inz3627a4w75x89/594-NZ.Rhema-1233z071414PL380.MP3>

675, RNZ, Christchurch, NZ (10 kW) Female speech at good level through domestic splatter at 1242

<http://www.mediafire.com/listen/cq0337zwa7rardh/675-RNZ-1242z071414PL380.MP3>

684, NZ Rhema, Gisborne, NZ (5 kW) Christian sermon at fair-good level at 1244 through splatter

<http://www.mediafire.com/listen/iv16kocz86z2nau/684-NZ.Rhema-1244z071414PL380.MP3>

738, R. Polynesie, Mahina, Tahiti (20 kW) Pop music blasting in at 1247 with serious force, throwing splatter on KCBS
<http://www.mediafire.com/listen/ms1lnivb3f14aud/738-R.Polynesie-1247z071414PL380.MP3>

765, R. Kahungunu, Napier-Hastings, NZ (2.5 kW) Maori language overachiever with good-level Maori music at 1217
<http://www.mediafire.com/listen/saesvw7d9337jv7/765-R.Kahungunu-1217z071414PL380.MP3>

891, 5AN Adelaide, Australia (50 kW) The Star of the Session with a monster fade-in late at 1253, pegging the PL-380 S/N readout (and testing its crunch resistance, as well)
<http://www.mediafire.com/listen/r2133t3mlzxnpza5/891-5AN-1253z071414PL380.MP3>

73 and Good DX, (Gary DeBock (in Cannon Beach, OR), DXing at the "Rockwork 4" ocean side cliff on Highway 101, 7.5" loopstick Tecsun PL-380 Ultralight + New 15" Medium Wave DXpedition FSL antenna
<http://www.mediafire.com/view/7bkbc9rzg2koq2k/15inchDXFSL-014.jpg>
July 15, ibid.)

Oregon Cliff (Rockwork 4) Ultralight DU's for 7-15

Hello All, Kiwi propagation returned with a vengeance to the Rockwork 4 ocean cliff this early morning, with 531-PI, 567-RNZ and 765-Radio Kahungunu (2.5 kW) all pegging the PL-380 S/N display at times. All the New Zealand regulars (531, 594, 603, 657, 675, 684, 765 and 1008) were in at decent levels from 1215-1245, and even the Maori underachiever 585-Radio Ngati Porou made a rare appearance (// 603-Waatea). Weak Chinese was heard on 936 for the first time as well, and with only one real possibility during the all-Kiwi propagation, the 1 kW Auckland station was probably heard on the west coast for the first time.

At the 1100 UT (0400 local start time) it was obvious that New Zealand stations were going to go on a romp, and they didn't wait until daybreak to do so. During peak enhancement around 1230 every Kiwi station that I tried for was showing up, and I decided to try for a long-time challenge -- the 1 kW Chinese station in Auckland, 936-Chinese Voice Radio. Fortunately there was no Australian propagation on the frequency at the time, and an MP3 recorded at 1303 featured some weak Chinese in and out. Despite many attempts the only Australian reception was again from 891-5AN but at nowhere near yesterday's exceptional level. Except for the typically vibrant 738-Tahiti only the New Zealand stations sounded healthy this morning-- with some of them enjoying a turbo boost

531, PI, Auckland, NZ (5 kW) Very strong Samoan music and female speech at 1228 -- one of the regular NZ powerhouses
<http://www.mediafire.com/listen/5spy6pvg8o8t842/531-PI-1228z071514PL380.MP3>

567, RNZ, Wellington, NZ (50 kW) Kiwi big gun at very potent level (through Seattle hash) at 1242
<http://www.mediafire.com/listen/coo62716od8nwig/567-RNZ-1242z071514PL380.MP3>

657, Southern Star, Wellington, NZ (50 kW/ 10 kW), Christian hymns and female speech at good level around 1226
<http://www.mediafire.com/listen/kyuu9sgps568asp/657-SouthernStar-1226z071514PL380.MP3>

765, Radio Kahungunu, Napier-Hastings, NZ (2.5 kW) Maori music and female speech at very strong level for such low power (pegging the PL-380 S/N display at times)
<http://www.mediafire.com/listen/3w58t5463naik50/765-R.Kahungunu-1212z071514PL380.MP3>

783, Access Radio, Wellington, NZ (10 kW) Although in DU English, apparently Wellington's multicultural station during this morning's all-Kiwi propagation
<http://www.mediafire.com/listen/cq3cm37jhvg8z2t/783-AccessRadio-1250z071514PL380.MP3>

792, Radio Sport, Hamilton, NZ (5 kW) Benefiting from lack of Aussie competition during all-Kiwi propagation
<http://www.mediafire.com/listen/4z7m6lf7ees20ds/792-RadioSport-1253z071514PL380.MP3>

936, Chinese Voice Radio, Auckland, NZ (1 kW) Weak Chinese rising above the noise level at times during all-Kiwi propagation (headphones recommended); apparently a new Ultralight Radio DX distance record for 1 kW station reception in North America
<http://www.mediafire.com/listen/655oey6ydo1e1q4/936-ChineseVoice-1303z071514PL380.MP3>

73 and Good DX, (Gary DeBock (in Cannon Beach, OR, USA), DXing at the Rockwork 4 Ocean Cliff on Highway 101
<http://www.mediafire.com/view/2jtmctq7as7448o/Rockwork-Sites-003.jpg>
7.5" loopstick Tecsun PL-380 Ultralight + New 15" Medium Wave FSL antenna
<http://www.mediafire.com/view/7bkbc9rzg2koq2k/15inchDXFSL-014.jpg>
ibid.)

Great loggings, Gary! I can't help but wonder why the Aussies are so absent. Generally, I'd expect them both to be in the same general direction. Both are in their winter darkness. What's up with the

ionosphere that allows one to make it through so well, while little from Australia? 73 (Walt Salmani, BC, *ibid.*)

Well, Kiwi-slanted propagation is pretty common at this particular cliff, Walt, but the past four days have been bizarre even for Rockwork 4. Almost none of the Aussies are getting through, but at least 5 New Zealand stations are pegging the S/N display every morning. The almost total lack of Australian propagation has resulted in some freakish Kiwi loggings, such as 702-Radio Live, 936-Chinese Voice and others. This morning Chuck was with me at Rockwork 4, and he experienced the same thing (recording on his Perseus and small flag).

Around 1245 I this morning I finally had a decent carrier on 576 that I assumed would be the Aussie big gun 576-2RN (which hasn't managed a trace so far during four days), but the MP3 sounds suspiciously like the low-powered Kiwi station, The Word / Bible Radio, listed at 2.5 kW. If so, it would apparently be making its first west coast appearance. Totally bizarre!

To my knowledge, neither 936-Chinese Voice or 576-The Word/ Bible Radio had ever been received previously on the west coast. 702-Radio Live (received on Sunday) and 585-Radio Ngati Porou (received yesterday) both showed up once last year on FSL's on the cliffs, but to my knowledge have never been received at Grayland (or anywhere else). Chuck said the 702-Radio Live recording from Sunday was something very special. 73, (Gary DeBock (in Cannon Beach, OR), *ibid.*)

** NEW ZEALAND. RNZI on 15720 at 0413 (July 15) in English with two men discussing NZ's role in Dot.com scandal. Great signal, but could clearly hear another distorted voice. Pulling out the E1, noticed what sounded like a numbers station parked on 15721, unID language, 4 & 5 figure groups. Not audible when on RNZI and lower sync or LSB (Mike Bryant, Louisville, KY, ICF-7600G and Eton E1, dxldyg via DXLD)

It's Russian, a regular numbers broadcast discussed several times here. Search the DXLD archive on 15721 (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** NIGERIA. NIG...RIA, 6089.9, R. Nigéria, Kaduna, 1742-1753, 14/7, dialecto local, texto, a que se seguiu ora, cor, nica; 45343. 73 (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. 15120-AM, VON: just now (0555+) with music and pretty loud, in contrast to 0500 (open carrier). Unscheduled "Nigerian popular music" instead of normal feed (moving on + news) (Thorsten Hallmann, Germany, July 11, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA [and non]. FIRST TIME NIGERIA LISTENED IN FM FROM SPAIN: MAURICIO MOLANO DX-FM - Emisoras de NIGERIA captadas en FM desde Aldea

del Cano, C·ceres (EspaÑa).

El pasado lunes dìa 23 junio, despuÈs de dos semanas de vacaciones en la playa, les decìa a mi grupo de amigos m·s cercanos: "Ya estoy en Salamanca. Desde el punto de vista "DX", en Tarragona no ha caìdo nada de nada. No he pillado ni una mÌsera portadora de video, ni una mÌsera seÒal de FM en la banda del Este. Nada. (...) Ahora mismo (17'09Z) est·n entrando italianas del norte, tan pronto con seÒales como caÒones, como cero patatero.

El viernes pasado me llamaron de Radio Decibelios (Tfe. [Tenerife]) para hacerme una entrevista en directo, en el programa que tienen para los radioaficionados. La de Èsta y otras dos canarias m·s, son las 'nicas QSLs recibidas (por correo-e) hasta el momento.".

Seg·n estaba escribiendo tenÌa el Perseus sintonizado en 88.1; Con las captaciones de Paul Logan en mente (pillÛ varias puertorriqueÑas en FM desde Irlanda pocos dìas antes), les aÒadÌa: "Ahora --- susto! --- algo en inglÈs, comercial, mencionan "the States"..., luchando con la R·dio Comercial portuguesa en 88.1".

En un mensaje posterior, les comentaba: "ay, ay, ay!!! que creo que la he liado! Me da que no es americana, sino africana. Y tengo otra en 89.9, que me da en la nariz, que viene del mismo sitio".

°Efectivamente. Resultaron ser africanas! Nigerianas, para m·s seÒas. Cuando detectÈ la apertura, las seÒales que llegaban, a ratos desde Italia, a ratos desde Canarias, eran fuertes y muy estables. En los intermedios descubrÌ primero la emisora de 88.1 con una seÒal totalmente diferente a lo que llegaba por la espor·dica, digamos, "normal". La seÒal era mucho m·s debÌl y muy fluctuante; como llegando despuÈs de varios rebotes en espor·dicas o bien por otra vÌa (F2?, transeuatorial?).

Ahora, me recuerda mucho a cÛmo llegaba la TV de Nigeria en los 80/90. Le molestaba bastante la R5TN de C·ceres (88.2) y, cuando la tropo la reforzaba, la "Comercial" portuguesa desde Monchique/Foia (a 295 km) tambiÈn en 88.1 MHz. Por suerte, la modulaciÛn de la estaciÛn DX era bastante flojita, lo que permite estrechar mucho la banda de paso sin aÒadir demasiada distorsiÛn. En un momento determinado, aparecieron de repente las italianas y se la llevaron por delante.

Cuando se fueron, ya casi no quedaba ni rastro de ella. DespuÈs me centrÈ en 90.0 y vi que fluctuaba otra seÒal en 89.9 con el mismo patrÛn que la de 88.1 MHz. TambiÈn en inglÈs, con publicidad y luego una entrevista muy larga grabada "in situ", no en estudio. Llegaron a las 1800Z con m·sica, y despuÈs noticias presentadas por una locutora "from Washington". La seÒal de 89.9 siguiÛ llegando durante algunos

minutos m-s, pero cada vez peor y cada vez m-s "atacada" por emisoras canarias. ...stas tomaron el control y llenaron el dial con seÑales fortísimas hasta pasados los 100 MHz. Eran cerca de las 23'00 hora espaÑola (21'00Z) cuando acabÛ todo.

Al dÍa siguiente, martes 24, me puse a la tarea de identificarlas. En la de 88.1 habÍa un anuncio que terminaba con algo que sonaba como "in umajia", y poco despuÈs, en las noticias, el locutor terminaba una de ellas con una direcciÛn: "no-sÈ-cuantitos street, umajia".

Me enchufÈ a FMLIST, carguÈ toda la lista de emisoras en 88.1, y empecÈ a buscar alguna coincidencia fonÈtica.

Hasta que, °Bingo!, en Nigeria, en 88.1, hay una emisora en una ciudad cuyo nombre se escribe "Umuahia". °Blanco y en botella!. Era la emisora de FM de la "Broadcasting Corporation of Abia State" BCA-FM, a 4000 km justos de Aldea del Cano (C·ceres, EspaÑa).

La segunda, la de 89.9, era m-s complicada en principio. Entre lo pobre de la seÑal y el inglÈs "intermitente" no pillaba nada a oÍdo que me ayudara a identificarla, m-s all· de la sospecha de que, de las tres candidatas, era la m-s prÛxima sobre el terreno a la de Umuahia.

PreparÈ grabaciones de ambas emisoras y las coloquÈ en los grupos de Yahoo "RealDX" y "SkywavesDX". Rápidamente empezaron las reacciones.

Henrik Klemetz llegÛ a la misma conclusiÛn que yo: Umuahia. °Cuatro orejas oyen m-s que dos! TambiÈn apuntÛ a "Aljazeera" como la fuente de las noticias en la de 89.9 MHz y, en efecto, se podÍa escuchar una menciÛn a "Aljazeera" justo al comienzo. John Faulkner me hizo una disecciÛn perfecta de las grabaciones, extrayendo todo lo entendible y, de su experiencia profesional en British Telecom Int., confirmaba que el acento era nigeriano. Paul Logan apuntÛ a una r·pida menciÛn a "Warri" en una grabaciÛn de 89.9 MHz. °El círculo se habÍa cerrado sobre CROWN-FM, Warri, Delta State! a 4091 km. En la maÑana de hoy dÍa 26 he enviado informes de recepción tentativos a ambas emisoras. Los correos a BCA-FM 88.1 no han funcionado, pero el de CROWN-FM sÌ --- CROWN-FM - 89.9 MHz - Warri, Delta State (NIG) - QSL

En apenas 20 minutos he recibido respuesta de Tayo Okotie-Eboh, Crown FM. Me dice:

"Dear Mauricio, Thank you very much for your email. I have listened to all three MP3 that you supplied and can confirm that the last one is actually CrownFM 89.9 Warri, during a commercial break on Monday the 23rd of June 2014. We are very excited that the signal was picked up at such a distance and it must have been very exciting for you. Thank you for bringing this to our attention and please let us know what we

can do to enhance our signal even further and clearer than it is already. Liked the pictures greetings sent too. Have a great day. Tayo Okotie-Eboh. CrownFM".

En un mensaje posterior me aÙade que emiten con 5 kW de potencia. Thank you very much! You have made my day!! info (a) crownfmng.com <http://moladx.blogspot.it/>

(Mauricio Molano, PLAY-DX 1620 electronic ñ 13 July 2014, via WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DXLD)

City to city distance makes it to Warri, 3951 km = 2455 miles, a good distance for double-hop Es. Nice! One hop near the Morocco/Algeria border, another near the Mali/Niger border, theoretically. Midpoint in southern Algeria near Mali border. Altho from his description it could be Trans-Equatorial propagation (not really across the Equator in this case) (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6930-USB, July 11 at 0124 pirate music, 0125 conversation by ``Friendly Overlord`` with a YL guest; very poor signal, and went off before 0133. This thread says it was OMCS: <http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,17646.0.html> but not what it stands for; The Free Dictionary shows:

Acronym Definition

OMCS Open Mind Common Sense (research project)
OMCS Office of Motor Carrier Safety
OMCS Open Mission Critical System
OMCS Office of the Minister for the Civil Service (United Kingdom)
OMCS Senior Chief Opticalman (Naval Rating)
OMCS Operations Management & Control System

I like the first one, an artificial intelligence research project at MIT. See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open_Mind_Common_Sense
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6925-USB, July 13 at 0101, weak pirate music in noise level, announcement in ``Whatever`` intonation; 0125 definite Radio Free Whatever ID (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. Hi Glenn, just what you always wanted -- another YHWH log. 9600, YHWH (religious pirate), 0358-0402+ 12 July. Very weak in the noise this evening with what sounded like their original program. Didn't hang about for the "Creepy Song" at closing (decided that sleep was a better option). (Dan Sheedy, Encinitas, CA G5/4.5m Xwire "Jr", WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Few minutes on:

9600-AM, religious station, YHWH, was finally nabbed on this frequency

from 0410 to 0442 sign-off, on the 12th of July (UT). The frequency was in the clear the signal was actually quite good, with a nice s3 to s6 and then after 0432 up to s4 to s7 level. Preacher with religious text, talking about YHWH and salvation, the Ten Commandments, with station ID's as 'thank you for listening to our station, YHWH', "This is YHWH, thank you for tuning into our broadcast" and "YHWH is now signing off the air" (at 0442). This program was called 'Goodbye to Christians'. Just prior to the close was sort of hymn, called "Starlight" played on a plucked sitar instrumental. This broadcast was done quite professionally and not at all like a 'fly by night' broadcaster. Now I just wish he would give out a contact information (via the internet?) (Edward Kusalik, Daysland, AB, Canada, WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, dunno if YHWH has done this before, but --- 9600, YHWH (religious pirate) 0443-0503* 14 July. Better than usual signal with OT verses/comments & close down with that "Creepy Song" TM. Halfway through the song, the announcer broke in with a "live mic" for YHWH contact info -- type "YHWH Pirate" into your favourite search engine and click on the HF Underground link to leave comments, etc.--who'll be the first to ask for the "53-page document"? (Dan Sheedy, Encinitas, CA G5/4.5 m X wire Jr.), WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 10.8 MHz area, July 14 at 1337, extremely distorted wideband FM radiation from unknown neighbor's FM receiver IF re-tuned to 101.9 KTST OKC which matches audio and pauses. Also was hearing same about an hour earlier on its second harmonic circa 21.6 MHz (and no real 13m broadcasters making it) (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 90.1, July 13 around 05-06 UT, I notice that KUCO is dead air again, instead of overnight classical service relayed from WCPE in NC. Back on at next check after 1200 with Pipedreams. Computer must have muted itself again, requiring a late-nite visit from a staffer to reset it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 90.3, July 14 at 1540 UT, promo ``Southern Gospel Saturday from 6 am here on KHYM''. But it's really KHEV Fairview OK west of Enid, usually eclipsed by closer and stronger 90.5 KGVV Goltry with 14 kW; as I am bandscanning for Mexican FM DX to go with TVDX up to channel 5 or 6.

From FCC info you'd never know that the IDs you hear on KHEV are ``KHYM'', but licensed to Great Plains Christian Radio, Inc., same as for KHYM 103.9 in Copeland KS, 100 kW, but with numerous relays in KS and OK. FCC shows 90.3 site is about 10 miles WSW of Fairview on north side of US 60, and with only 490 watts, its 60 dBu service contour

barely exceeds the US 60/412 junxion north of Fairview (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. OETA must be reeling from another budget cut thanks to the Republican-controlled OK government, hostile to spending on anything ``public''. Despite OETA's director instituting a puff program interviewing legislators two by two. OETA flagship news program, the 'Oklahoma News Report', effective July 11, has been cut back to only half an hour per week. For the past year it had been one hour per week, also a drastic cut from the former 5 x 30 minutes per week. Anchor Dick Pryor tries to put a positive spin on it, saying the half-hour weekly format ``for a while'', will enable OETA to put more resources into online news for ``deeper news impact and greater reach''. Similarly, on the website: ``Beginning Friday, July 11 at 7pm, ONR will air as a 30-minute program that will also be available online. Managing Editor Dick Pryor and his team are developing a newscast strategy that will be designed to provide broadcast viewers and digital users meaningful Oklahoma content, value-added resources and an enhanced educational experience.'' ONR does get repeated several times on OETA-1 and OETA-2 (OKLA): UT Sat 0000, 2300; Sun 1530-OKLA; Sun 1900, Mon 1800-OKLA, Tue 1900-OKLA, Wed 2000-OKLA.

This first edition of the new series boldly led with a feature about Oklahoma Atheists and how surprisingly active the group is, 3000+ members, fifth most active in the world by some measure; yet many people had their faces blotted out for fear of reprisals by the Good Christians making up 92% of the state. Their logo is A-OK! The July 11 show is not yet on the video page nor the OA part yet as a clip:

<http://videos.oeta.tv/program/onr/>

See also:

<http://www.oklahomaatheists.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/OklahomaAtheists>

Lots of funny stuff on the FB (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. RF 33, KOCB ``34'', OKC, (a sibling station to ``Fox 25'', KOKH, RF 24), has finally added a subchannel after a long time with none (altho IIRC they did have one for a while after the DTV transition) --- now it's GetTV as 34-2, which seems to have a fairly good selection of old movies. Primetime theme UT July 15 was Africa (Glenn Hauser, Enid, July 14, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. 15140, July 12 at 0129, JBA carrier here is probably RS0, as it's missing from 9500 and 15355; the higher band barely propagating tonight (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. [re 14-28:] 3385, NBC East New Britain. July 9 with nice anomaly; expecting the normal cut off time of 1200, but continued on till about 1228*, 1201 PNG bird call; "Good night Papua

New Guinea. The News Roundup"; with news and "weather forecast" (wx now a regular feature with the news); 1207 "Provincial News" in Tok Pisin/Pidgin; ads and promos; DJ with "musical requests," listing persons with dedications for pop songs; almost fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

July 10 - Yesterday was not an anomaly, but instead a new sign off time. They have re-set the timer for closing down the transmitter; ex 1200*. Today off at 1229:20* (Same format as yesterday. Ron Howard, WORLD OF RADIO 1730, ibid.)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3205, NBC Sandaun at 1132 with man talking at length in Tok Pisin - Fair July 12 Sellers-BC

3260, NBC Madang at 1038 in Tok Pisin, pop music, man giving phone number, 1101 mentions of ihallelujahî and iSundayî - Poor July 12

3365, NBC Milne Bay at 1148 with woman in Tok Pisin - Poor July 12

3385, NBC East New Britain at 1138 in Tok Pisin, pop music, 1150 several ads in English, including one for a car dealer identified as a isupporter of NBC East New Britainî, 1153 phone number and invitation for dedications - Good July 12 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, listening in my car by the lake with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 7324.96, Wantok R. Light, Jul 13 1215-1240, 35443, English, Music and talk, ID at 1237 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4774.9, R. Tarma, Tarma, 2251-2259, 12/7, castelhano, m'sica pop' Índia; 45433.

4835, R. Ondas del Suroriental, Quillabamba, 2216-2230, 14/7, castelhano, canÁies, an'ncios comerciais; 23331, QRM da AUS.

4955, R. Cultural Amauta, Huanta, 2238-2245, 12/7, castelhano, propag. relig.; 35342.

5024.9, R. Quillabamba, Cuzco, 2242-2250, 12/7, canÁies Índias; 34342, QRM da AUS.

5980, R. Chaski, Cuzco, 2232-2243, 11/7, castelhano, propag. relig.; 35332. 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. UNIDENTIFIED. 4985.50 kHz at 2255 UT, Sounds like Spanish for me, very weak. 73, Icom 7410 end fed antenna (Maurits Van Driessche,

Belgium, July 14, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

Maurits, That's the off-frequency reported several times for R. Voz Cristiana, Per'. I got 9 DXLD hits right away by searching 4985.5 at site:www.w4uvh.net

--- a procedure I would recommend for anyone with a precise off-frequency unID. 73, (Glenn Hauser, *ibid.*)

Many thanks Glenn, for the information. 73, (Maurits, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4985.510, at 0040, Radio Voz Cristiana, Huancayo, Spanish talks about Per', Voz Cristiana ID, better audio than the past days (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, July 15 - UT July 16, Perseus, end fed antenna, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DXLD)

** PERU. 5980, July 11 at 0110, R. Chaski carrier with some modulation until cutoff at 0116:44* which is 17.5 seconds later than a trinite ago, averaging 5.83 seconds later per night.

5980, July 12 at 0110, R. Chaski carrier and some modulation until autocutoff at 0116:49.5* which, of course, is 5.5 seconds later than yesterday. Altho I can hear it any night I try for it, I notice that some log editors are loath to publish any of mine, even tho each has a different time; no other station is going thru this precessive process (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5980, Radio Chaski, Urubamba, Cusco, Religious program by male, nice audio and signal, S/off at 0115 UT July 13. 73, (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

5980, July 13 at 0102, R. Chaski carrier until cutoff at 0116:55.5*, which is six seconds later than yesterday. Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, was listening at the same time, and lucky him, had ``religious program by male, nice audio and signal`` with ``sign-off at 0115``. Does he mean they announced they were closing down? I don't think so, and I'm certain they didn't cut carrier until almost two minutes later in keeping with normal precession, timer slippage.

5980, July 14 at 0112-0117:01.5*, R. Chaski carrier surpasses another minute of extra airtime beyond 0100, tnx to its slipping autotimer cutoff; six seconds later than yesterday.

5980, July 15 at 0117-0117:08.5*, R. Chaski carrier, tuned in just in time to catch the precessed cutoff, which is 7 seconds later than yesterday, probably more like 6 due to margin of error (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5980.02 at 0013, Radio Chaski, Urubamba, Cusco, Conversation by male and female, good signal and audio not bad (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, July 15 - UT July 16, Perseus, end fed antenna, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

5980, July 16 at 0056, R. Chaski carrier, some modulation until cutoff at 0117:13.5* which is 5 seconds later than yesterday but 12 seconds later than ante-yesterday (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** POLAND. Polish number station located --- These guys have identified the tx site of the Polish spy number station E11/S11a/M03: <http://priyom.org/blog/priyom-identifies-the-location-of-polish-intelligence-number-stations.aspx>

And there's an extensive article about it all on this Polish newspaper website, a partner site of Poland's major newspaper, Gazeta Wyborcza - in Polish:

http://technologie.gazeta.pl/internet/1,113840,16311065,Jedna_z_tajemniczych_radiostacji__od_lat_nadajacych.html#MT

Thanks to a friend in Warsaw for alerting me to this. 73 (Eike Bierwirth, July 16, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** QATAR. State-run Qatar Media Corporation, parent company of Radio Qatar, has a new URL for their corporate website: <http://www.qatarbroadcast.qa> - this features live streams of six radio and five television services. The old qatarmedialive.com URL no longer works (David Kernick, UK, intervalsignalsonline, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DXLD)

Has been off SW for several years; unless my unID 9570 carrier was thence, their last known SW frequency; see SPAIN (Glenn Hauser, *ibid.*)

** ROMANIA [and non]. 9520, July 16 at 0107 RRI in Romanian with constant CCI underneath while // 7335 is in the clear. The CCI is Gospel for Asia, eastward from GERMANY at 0030-0130, when they manage to cram in 18 languages during the week, including Sindhi during this quarter-hour Wednesdays, per Aoki (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. PUBLICATIONS --- Letter Beacons - radio of unknown origin and unknown destination, consisting of only one letter, transmitted by telegraph. These beacons are separated into several groups (letters) in accordance with the transmission code and frequency. Most of these lighthouses working with Russia.

Fully article can be read on
<http://www.ruqrz.com/?p=5811>

I note that the article was not signed. Is it original, that is written by an unknown author of the site, or just a reprint of this publication is not clear. In this regard to the facts presented in the material should be treated with caution. (link forwarded to the email address on the domain mail.ru) (via RusDX July 13 via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Adygeyan Radio in Adygeyan to CeAs 1800 on 7325 Armavir
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QKbWz8ZBf_A&feature=youtu.be
Adygeyan Radio in Adygeyan to CeAs 1828 on 7325 Armavir
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dMUmRrQE6Wk&feature=youtu.be>
Adygeyan Radio in Adygeyan to CeAs 1856 on 7325 Armavir
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9fECrVqqkk4&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, July 13, dxldyg via DXLD)

** RUSSIA [non]. VOICE OF RUSSIA CLOSES WASHINGTON BUREAU, SACKS STAFF
| Text of report by VOA News.com website on 15 July

Facing legal problems, the Russian government-funded radio network - the Voice of Russia - has fired its Washington bureau staff and closed the office.

The shutdown happened Monday [14 July], amid allegations of tax fraud and claims of racial discrimination at the network.

Aleksey Iazlovskiy, the head of the VOR's US operations, pleaded guilty last year to tax fraud and will be sentenced later this year. VOR's employment practices also have attracted attention from the IRS and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The IRS is investigating whether VOR used contractors alongside full-time, salaried employees to skirt payroll taxes. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission took an interest in VOR after several former staffers claimed they were fired because of their race.

The employees have filed a lawsuit against International TV Services, VOR's contract manager in the United States.

Some suspect Voice of Russia will quickly return to the US through a different management company without the legal troubles.

Earlier this year, the Russians stopped Voice of America broadcasting in Moscow on AM radio. Source: VOA News.com website, Washington D.C., in English 15 Jul 14 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** SARAWAK [non]. CLANDESTINE: 15425, R. Free Sarawak via Taiwan, Jul 08 *1101-1105, 35443, Iban; 1101 sign on, Opening announce, ID at 1101 and 1102 and 1104, Talk. Jamming from 1105.

15425, R. Free Sarawak via Taiwan [sic], Jul 14 1131-1140, 33443, Iban, Talk, ID at 1135 and 1138 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15425, Radio Free Sarawak, 1237*, July 14. An anomaly with them running past the normal 1230 sign off; very nice surprise to catch their new sign off announcement in English (audio attached) - "Like the man says, all good things must come to an end, till then, this is Peter John Jaban, Michael Teo and the rest of the team, says good night, sweet dreams and sleep tight." BTW - jamming heard today from tune in at 1143 till it went off at 1228 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. I understand the dropping of 9545. Right now it has a considerable skip zone even in the daytime so not a wise frequency for their target. In fact, even 6 MHz is giving us trouble here in Korea. As I mentioned, under current propagation conditions, 60 meters is the best band for the situation in both cases. Weird coincidence but I just received an E-mail from a gentleman I worked with in Japan on the SIBC transmitter (Jamie Labadia, July 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALIA [non]. CLANDESTINE, 15180, R. Hilaac via France, Jul 07 *1700-1710, 25432, Somali; 1700 sign on with opening music, ID, Opening announce, Koran, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALILAND. SOMALIA, 7120, R. Hargueisa, Hargueisa, Somaliland, 1836-1852, 12/7, dialecto local, texto; 44332, QRM de estaÃ±es de amador. 73 (Carlos GonÃ¡lves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. SABC Chair lied about her qualifications <http://www.techcentral.co.za/sabc-chair-lied-about-qualifications-report/49508/> (Bill Bingham, Johannesburg RSA. Sony ICF2001D. dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SABC chair Zandile Tshabalala lied to parliament about her qualifications, it was reported on Sunday.

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SABC chair Zandile Tshabalala lied to parliament about her qualifications, City Press reported on Sunday.

In her CV before the parliamentary portfolio committee on communications, Tshabalala said she graduated from Unisa with a BCom and a post-graduate diploma in labour relations.

The claim was repeated in a statement by the presidency announcing her appointment.

However, according to a Promotion of Access to Information Act application sent by the newspaper, Unisa said Tshabalala had neither of the qualifications.

Unisa's executive director of legal services and information, Jan van Wyk, wrote in a letter this week: *According to our records, no qualification was awarded to the mentioned individual.*

City Press's attempts to get comment from Tshabalala were unsuccessful.

Presidency spokesman Mac Maharaj on Friday said parliament had recommended candidates for the SABC board and President Jacob Zuma acted on those recommendations.

About Tshabalala's qualifications Maharaj was quoted as saying in City Press: *This is a matter you must take up with her directly. A university degree is no prerequisite for the appointment.* ó Sapa (via WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DXLD)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. 11825, July 11 at 1247, Brother Scare via WRMI with heavy CCI, during disturbed conditions, i.e. CNR1 jamming and VOA Chinese via Philippines at 09-13. This 24-hour BS service is normally inbooming here day and night (while we must still strain to hear RMI's own programs on 9955, etc., all beamed outward).

I was therefore surprised to see a log in the July NASWA Journal on 11825 with no mention of QRM: ``Radio Romania International, Galbeni, 0320-0340 May 22, ID, English feature, fair (D'Angelo-PA)`` EiBi shows that as via Galbeni eastward to S Asia, // the North American frequencies 7350, 9645 via Tiganeshti. O yeah, that was before WRMI resumed 11825 as of June 1 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5050 // 3185, July 15 at 0149, WWRB is running BS on both transmitters; 9370 is already active at 1250 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN [and non]. 21630, July 11 at 1316, JBA carrier, nothing on 21640, and another JBA signal on 21610. Therefore I suspect REE's old habit of using 21630 instead of 21640 has brought it back, clear now,

but likely to clash again with BBC Ascension on 21630 at 1200-1230 & 1400-1430. Finally 21630 fades up enough at 1321 to make it // 17715 REE. As recently as July 8, Paul Santos in Quezon City tells me he was hearing Spain very well on 21640 // 21610 at 1515.

BTW, As I mention on WORLD OF RADIO 1729, per a July 7 story in El Confidencial, via Pedro Sedano, REE's Castilian service is being merged into domestic RNE, with more and more simulcasts of Radio 1 and Radio 5, already the case with news, to be completed in September. The head of RNE also said that as a result, REE would be *expanding* airtime in foreign languages!

BTW2, this part of the 13m band again has QRM in our mornings from something in wideband FM, weak signal, but so are the intentional SW broadcasts in AM. Today it's no longer // 101.9 KTST OKC, which means my neighbor with an FM radio receiver radiating on the second harmonic of its 10.7+ MHz IF, is tuned to some other station (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

REE was noted on July 11 in English, instead of Spanish
1900-2000 on 17850 N0B 250 kW / 272 deg to CeAm. Parallel freqs
1900-2000 on 9665 N0B 250 kW / 050 deg to WeEu
1900-2000 on 11615 N0B 250 kW / 168 deg to NWAf. Videos on July 11
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/07/radio-exterior-de-espana-in-english-on.html>

REE in English, instead of Spanish to CeAm 1916 on 17850 Noblejas
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oy-2kEF0q5M&feature=youtu.be>
REE in English, instead of Spanish to CeAm 1919 on 17850 Noblejas
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1XhZBwLf3w&feature=youtu.be>
REE in English, instead of Spanish to CeAm 1922 on 17850 Noblejas
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=naWz2pJXfdE&feature=youtu.be>
REE in English, instead of Spanish to CeAm 1925 on 17850 Noblejas // 11615 NWAf, 9665 WeEu
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8fBA2h2rZY&feature=youtu.be>
REE in English, instead of Spanish to CeAm 1931 on 17850 Noblejas // 11615 NWAf, 9665 WeEu
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FazxWLEu0IE&feature=youtu.be>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN. 9570, Sat July 12 at 2040, open carrier, stronger than the Cuban radio war on adjacent 9565. What could it be? Maybe another Cuban transmitter testing or forgotten, used elsewhere for CRI relays? Checking HFCC, if any European is propagating this well on a hot summer afternoon, it's REE which is registered 1900-2300, 250 kW, 170 degrees from Noblejas, including an English hour, sometime in there. But EiBi and Aoki show no English, instead Arabic to Africa during

this hour on weekends. [or could it be Qatar? See above]

Probably just another SNAFU, as Ivo Ivanov caught REE in English the day before during the 19-20 hour not only on scheduled 11615 and 9665 but also on 17850, normally fully Castilian. On July 12 I did not get 17850 checked so early, and anyhow, that English hour is M-F only. But

17850, Sat July 12 at 2046, once again REE is running 'Amigos de la Onda Corta' at this unscheduled hour, // weaker 17715. Compere Antonio Buitrago is talking about radio in WW II Germany, with clips of period band music. I also heard an earlier AdLOC exactly two weeks before as in my June 21 log report, and my assumption then still holds: it's filler because there are no local f'tbol games to compete with El Mundial which REE is not carrying; so I bet it's back to f'tbol on 'Tablero Deportivo' instead of Onda Corta, next Saturday.

[and non]. 21640, 21610, 21515, July 13 at 1327, REE weak signals, but not on 21630 today, and indeed at 1358 B-B-C- chimes are in the clear from ASCENSION, and stronger (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA. 11905, July 12 at 0114:57, very poor signal, open carrier from SLBC starts S Asian instrumental music opener, 2+1 mistimesignal ends at 0115:18.5, that still with very little variation. Now this event is comfortably earlier than my obligatory Chaski-cutoff timings.

11905, July 13 at 0114, SLBC carrier is on; musical prÈlude starts at 0114:47, and 2+1 timesignal ends at 0115:18, right on mis-schedule; poor signal.

11905, July 14 at 0115, music prÈlude is on from SLBC, 2+1 timesignal ending at 0115:18; very poor.

11905, July 16 at 0115, usual SLBC lead-in music, into timesignal of 2 lo pips, 1 hi, ending at 0115:18.5, poor signal but a little better than usual lately (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN NORTH, KINGDOM OF. Potential New Radio Country !?!?

Daddy's Little Princess

ABINGDON MAN CLAIMS AFRICAN LAND TO MAKE GOOD ON PROMISE TO DAUGHTER

[illustrated, with map:]

http://www.tricity.com/news/article_ec83d8ba-08a9-11e4-bf92-0017a43b2370.html

DAVID CRIGGER/BHC --- Jeremiah Heaton and his 7-year-old daughter, Princess Emily, shows the flag that their family designed as they try to claim a piece of land in the Eastern African region of Bir Tawil. [caption]

Promise fulfilled

“I want my children to know I will do absolutely anything for them.” Jeremiah Heaton

Posted: Thursday, July 10, 2014 11:17 pm | Updated: 11:28 pm, Thu Jul 10, 2014. ALLIE ROBINSON GIBSON | BRISTOL HERALD COURIER

ABINGDON, Va. — An Abingdon man claimed a kingdom so his daughter could be a princess.

Jeremiah Heaton, who has three children, recently trekked across the Egyptian desert to a small, mountainous region between Egypt and Sudan called Bir Tawil.

The area, about 800 square miles, is claimed by neither Sudan nor Egypt, the result of land disputes dating back more than 100 years. Since then, there have been several online claimants to the property, but Heaton believes his physical journey to the site, where he planted a flag designed by his children, means he rightfully can claim it.

And call his 7-year-old daughter Princess Emily, the fulfillment of a promise he made months earlier.

“Over the winter, Emily and I were playing, and she has a fixation on princesses. She asked me, in all seriousness, if sheid be a real princess someday,” Heaton said. “And I said she would.”

He said he started researching what it would take for him to become a king, so Emily could be a princess.

As it turns out, Bir Tawil is among the last pieces of unclaimed land on earth.

Heaton, who works in the mining industry and unsuccessfully ran for Congress in 2012, got permission from the Egyptian government to travel through the country to the Bir Tawil region.

“It is beautiful there,” Heaton said. “It is an arid desert in Northeastern Africa. Bedouins roam the area; the population is actually zero.”

In June, he took the 14-hour caravan journey through the desert, in time to plant the flag of the Heaton kingdom — blue with the seal and stars representing members of the family — in Bir Tawil soil.

When Heaton got home, he and his wife, Kelly, got their daughter a

princess crown, and asked family members to address her as Princess Emily.

“It is cool,” said Emily, who sleeps in a custom-made castle bed fit for royalty.

She added that as princess she wants to make sure children in the region have food.

“That is definitely a concern in that part of the world,” Heaton said. “We discussed what we could do as a nation to help.”

Heaton named the land the Kingdom of North Sudan, after consulting with his children.

“I do intend to pursue formal recognition with African nations,” Heaton said, adding that getting Sudan and Egypt to recognize the kingdom would be the first step.

That is basically what will have to happen for Heaton to have any legal claim to sovereignty, said Shelia Carapico, professor of political science and international studies at the University of Richmond.

She said it is not plausible for someone to plant a flag and say they have political control over the land without legal recognition from neighboring countries, the United Nations or other groups. In addition, she said, it is not known whether people have ownership of the land, regardless of whether the property is part of a political nation.

“I feel confident in the claim we’ve made,” Heaton said. “That is the exact same process that has been done for thousands of years. The exception is this nation was claimed for love.”

Heaton said his children, Emily, Justin and Caleb, will be the drivers for what happens with the new nation.

“If we can turn North Sudan into an agricultural hub for the area ... a lot of technology has gone into agriculture and water,” he said. “These are the things [the kids] are concerned with.”

Heaton has ordered letterhead with the country’s seal and one of his sons created a serving tray at camp with the flag on it.

“They are really getting into the idea,” Heaton said of his children. “I think the idea of a nation with a clear purpose of helping other people ... I think that will be well-received and will get recognition from other nations to partner with.”

But the main intent, he said, was to show his daughter that he would follow through on the promise he made.

"I think there is a lot of love in the world," Heaton said. "I want my children to know I will do absolutely anything for them." (via WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DXLD)

Appended comments rather ridiculing; no one apparently realized the potential for radio countries and adding to DXCC! BTW, the King and Princess appear not even to be African-Americans (gh, DXLD)

** SURINAME. 4990, R. Apintie (presumed), Paramaribo, 2221-2228, 13/7, texto, m'sica; 15331. 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWEDEN. PRELIMINARY SUMMARY REPORT ON TRANSMISSION FROM GRIMETON RADIO/SAQ ON 17.2 KHZ
Transmissions 2014-06-29 "Alexanderson Day" at 0900 and 1200 UT

Reports from:

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Austria 5

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Denmark 8

Finland 4

France 10

Germany 124

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Greece 4

Hungary 2

Ireland 2

Italy 31

Luxembourg 2

Netherlands 21

Norway 3

Poland 9

Romania 1

Russia 2

Slovak Rep. 1

Slovenia 2

South Africa 1

Spain 3

Sweden 23

Switzerland 3

USA 4

TOTAL 304 (via Steve Whitt, MWCircle yg via DXLD)

** SWEDEN. Radio Nord on air in August for Växholm Radio centenary

Radio Nord (Sweden) plan to transmit on medium wave and shortwave on 23rd August as part of the Radio Day to celebrate 100 years of the Växholm Radio coastal station (on an island in the Stockholm archipelago) which opened in 1914.

Radio Nord (Revival) is a tribute to the former sixties Swedish offshore station and plan to have a studio set up at Växholm Castle for the event which is open to the public for any members in Sweden. Full details in programme:

<http://www.fht.nu/bilder/FHT/6-sid%20A5-Radiodag%20Vaxholms%20Kastell.pdf>

Frequencies mentioned in the "Radiodag" programme are 1512 kHz and 6065 kHz for Radio Nord. This update from Ronny Forslund on the Radio Nord Revival Facebook page (15 July):

"We will definitely be broadcasting on MW 1512 kHz but the SW frequencies have not yet been cleared. Also, you may expect test transmissions earlier in the week as our license is valid for two weeks. We also expect to have a smaller SW transmitter operating from the actual Castle, in addition to the 10 kW from Sala. Also, you may look for us in the 75 m.b. where we will be using 5 kW from Sala if everything works out. Frequency should be 3915 kHz."

(there is also an Amateur Radio special event station on 23 August from Växholm Castle on various frequencies - details also in programme pdf above)

I remember taking the ferry boat to the island of Växholm when in Stockholm many years ago, so it's an appropriate "offshore" location for Radio Nord! 73 (Alan Pennington, July 16, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

** TAHITI. Clips of 738 kHz: see NEW ZEALAND [and non]

** TAIWAN [non]. R Taiwan International: I listened to RTI English yesterday and today (Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th July) at 1800UT on 5985kHz via France, and both days I heard the same editions of "Let's Learn Chinese" followed by "Feast Meets West" originally broadcast on Saturday 12 July. I'm guessing that RTI are having some problems with their feed to the France relay (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. [re 14-28, DRM tests] {new tests on DRM modulation mode

encoding software on refurbished sites Taipei - new revolving RIGID antenna -, and Paochung site with some new antennas erected, wb.} (Wolfgang B,schel, BC-DX via DXLD)

** TIBET [non]. 15525, July 12 at 1358 open carrier is on, poor signal, 1400 V. of Tibet via MADAGASCAR in non-Chinese, and no CNR1 jamming audible yet (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY. Tom, die TRT Intermodulation kam von zwei 310 Grad Antennen in Emirler. Mal sehen ob es auch ab 1930 UT eine mixture von 9460 und 9635 kHz gibt? Dann ist eine 310 und eine 300 Grad Antenne registriert. Dann eventuell formula
 $2 \times 9635 \text{ kHz} = 19270 \text{ minus } 9460 \text{ kHz} = 9810 \text{ kHz. bzw. } 9285 \text{ kHz.}$
73 wolfgang df5sx (B,schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

TURKEY Intermodulation of two 31mb TRT units at Emirler Turkey this night. 1830-1930 UT
9135 / 10110 kHz. Intermodulation Mixture of TRT Emirler, fundamentals 9460 Turkish service, and 9785 kHz English service.

formula 9135 / 10110 kHz
 $2 \times 9785 \text{ kHz} = 19570 \text{ minus } 9460 \text{ kHz} = 10110 \text{ kHz.}$
exact TRT Turkish footprint is 10110.029 kHz.

1930-2030 UT, formula 9285 / 9810 kHz, $2 \times 9635 \text{ kHz} = 19270 \text{ minus } 9460 \text{ kHz} = 9810.027 \text{ kHz}$ footprint, latter under VOA French Botswana co-channel. resp. 9284.992 kHz footprint TRT French to Europe. 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B,schel, July 11, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DXLD)

9870, July 12 at 0127, Voz de Turquía is missing again from half its Spanish frequencies, still good signal with Turkish music on 9770; then at *0128, 9870 carrier pops (back) on, and shortly joins the modulation (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UGANDA. 4976, R. Uganda, Kampala, 1834-1854, 12/7, m'sica pop' afric. e occidental; 45332, mas em ascens,,o. 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. BBC WORLD SERVICE DEBATED IN HOUSE OF LORDS

Channel hopping on Freeview at 19.30 BST tonight, I stumbled on a debate on the BBC Parliament channel, about the BBC World Service and the British Council.

I'm not sure whether the debate was live, or whether (as the caption suggested) it was a "highlight" from earlier today. Sadly, I only caught the last 15 minutes or so, which was mainly Baroness Warsi the

UK Government Foreign Office minister responding to earlier speakers in the debate. Among a couple of nuggets that I did catch which should be of interest to members of this BDXC news group though:

Baroness Warsi explained that the BBC had investigated providing a dedicated service broadcasting into North Korea, but had concluded that the obstacles to this and other factors made it uneconomic and impractical. A service for the whole of the Korean peninsula has not been ruled out, but is hindered by the FM band in South Korea now being full with no other immediate possibilities for a re-broadcast facility in the area.

Meanwhile, in Ukraine and Russia, Baroness Warsi said the BBC World Service had trebled its audience in the area since Russia's "annexation" of Crimea earlier this year. She said that the BBC World Service language services to these areas had been a very important source of reliable news coverage during the continuing unrest. In my opinion, it seems likely, though she did not directly say so, that the UK Foreign office would want to continue to focus, and help fund, services to this strategically important region at present.

The debate had been voted onto today's agenda in the upper house by Liberal Democrat peer Lord Alton of Liverpool. His closing comments suggest that there might be some interesting reading in the official record of proceedings of the UK Parliament which is available online-search "Hansard" and see what it comes up with, using today's date as your main search term.

Among the topics included in the debate were how effectively the BBC World Service (and the British Council which also featured in the debate) promote so called "British values" abroad. Lord Alton was glowing with praise for the global broadcaster; in an amusing comment he mentioned how the broadcaster is heard in such far flung places as Alma Ata and Afghanistan, and even sometimes in Glasgow!

Baroness Warsi's answers and summing up suggest that the World Service's independence and continued existence is safe for the moment, although of course she referred to the forthcoming charter renewal process. She made it clear that the editorial content of broadcasts and day to day policy remains the concern and responsibility of the World Service and its trustees (which, if I understood her right, it still has even though it is now integrated within the Corporation's other activities, and funded by the licence fee).

BBC Parliament is available on BBC i-player, and I noticed the debate end cap carried a BBC copyright symbol and year, but I'm not sure whether this debate will be available in full "On Demand" for the next seven days. Worth a try though by the looks of it (Mark Savage,

Feltham, July 7, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

In the SOS BBC World Service group, set up by journalists and former journalists of the BBCWS, one of the admins, Michael Workman, posted May 18:

"I see that the Foreign Office are claiming that the World Service is a public corporation of the Foreign Office. Inaccurate on several counts and potentially dangerous because it creates an inaccurate perception about the BBC's independence. All the more so since the World Service is now directly funded out of the licence fee. There's a link on this page that you can use to tell them to stop taking the credit for things that they don't fund!"

BBC World Service - GOV.UK

The BBC World Service (BBCWS) is the world's leading international radio broadcaster, providing impartial news reports and analysis in English and 27 ...

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/bbc-world-service>

Some group members did immediately contact them about this but to no avail it seems (Mike Barraclough, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

I watched a lot of these highlights but I was depressed by the lack of any technical knowledge or reference to short-wave also the vague 'thank God the WS is still British' general attitude overshadowing any suggestion the foreign office rather dropped the BBC in 'it' by the cop-out whereby they no longer paid for it (WS) but expected the licence payer to whilst the government retained an overlooking role! Perhaps if the governments 'baby' - the continued 'roll-out' of DAB to all those non-listeners - were funded by the coalition then 'Auntie' might be less strained at funding the WS , after all VOA and a number of other remaining 'international radio and TV broadcasting stations are still at least part-funded by governments.

I wonder what would happen if the BBC called the governments bluff and withdrew from the application for renewal of the charter, leaving the government in effect without any main national radio broadcaster or indeed any World Service radio or TV !

Watlingfen (Rog Parsons, BDXC 782, Hinckley. LE10 0NJ)
<http://anotherviewengland.tripod.com> ibid.)

The transcript has been posted on the Hansard website -
<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201415/ldhansrd/text/140710-0001.htm#14071063000823>
(Stephen Cooper, ibid.; also via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. Glenn, As previously mentioned, Glenn Baxter's license was

cancelled recently and he has no authority to operate. However ---
There have been numerous reports that he is *still operating*.
If true, this operation would apparently make Baxter a pirate on the
air. A pirate may have his equipment seized by the US Marshals
Service. This seizure could include everything he owns that is capable
of putting a signal on the air. Very interesting. This long-running
drama may not be over yet! See e.g.;
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/nys/pressreleases/April14/FCCpirate-radio-seizures.php>
and
<http://www.radiosurvivor.com/2014/04/15/fcc-federal-marshals-seized-pirate-radio-stations-new-york-city/>
(Brian Crow, K3VR, July 15, WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
Viz.:

----- Original Message -----

From: Chuck O'Neal
To: fccham@fcc.gov
Sent: Friday, July 11, 2014 4:14 PM
Subject: Ex K1MAN still broadcasting

Hi, Today I am hearing ex K1MAN broadcasting on 3879.9 on LSB and 7238.1 LSB with the same audio content. The conversation is with several individuals discussing physics education and other non ham radio related items. It's on both frequencies now as I'm typing this. It is 4:08 ESDT now and this has been on for the last 20+ minutes that I have been listening. He occasionally identifies as K1MAN. I have a directional antenna system on both frequencies and the heading is the same as when K1MAN was broadcasting the same stuff continuously months ago. The audio quality and signal characteristics are the same as well. It is definitely his voice acting as moderator of this conversation. I hope this helps with eliminating this nuisance from the ham bands. Best, Chuck O'Neal K1KW (via Brian Crow, *ibid.*)

** U S A. 7615-USB, July 15 at 0138, a Civil Air Patrol net is about to shut down; NCS seems to be Tri-Blade 33 [not at all sure of the 'Blade' part; refers to a propeller design?], radio-check with weaker Grasslands 44. But before closing, '33 has a message to send slowly, fonetically, and repetitively:

``MSG #137, routine, 111405Z July 14
FROM; NHQ/DOK
TO; All Comm Officers
Info: All regions DCS/COMM
Info #2: All planes[?] /DC/DOK
text:
The 13 Aug Comm Managers meeting in Las Vegas [which one?] will be streamed via the web for those who cannot attend. Details will be announced soon.''

Closing at 0141, he starts to say ``Iowa CAP 4 ---`` then corrects himself to Tri-Blade[?] 33, out at 0142*. See my previous log of this in DXLD 14-17, April 22 from 0107; and before that in 14-13. Searching on the tactical callsigns gets nowhere in Google nor in the UDXF yg. FWIW, the Iowa Wing CAP website, but paramilitary secrecy probably hides anything specific about frequencies, net times and calls:
<http://www.iawgcap.com/>
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Marc Kulbacki: Night of Nights sites;
http://www.nps.gov/pore/planyourvisit/events_nightofnights.htm
http://www.radiomarine.org/gallery/show?keyword=nonxi&panel=pab1_5#pab1_5

Paul Dobosz: More Night of Night details via the Maritime Radio Historical Society:

KLB will not be on the air

We've just received word from Rene of Shipcom LLC that station KLB will not be on the air for Night of Nights 2014 due to illness. We wish CJ, the op a KLB a fast recovery and hope that KLB will return to the air next year

Amateur station W4WLO on the air

Rene has also advised that amateur station W4WLO will be on the air for Night of Nights 2014. Their operating frequencies will be 7055 and 14055 kc, just up the band from K6KPH. So listen for W4WLO for a chance to work another historic coast station (MARE Tipsheet July 10 via DXLD)

If you copy CW, a reminder that the Night of Nights has just begun at 0000 UT July 13; details at
<http://www.marineradio.org> [sic; non]
(Glenn Hauser, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

NOT:

<http://www.marineradio.org>

====> !!!
<http://www.radiomarine.org/>

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= VOA - RADIOGRAM 17860 kHz MFSK32 =
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Before RSID: <<2014-07-12T16:01Z MFSK-32 @ 17860000+1500>>

<STX>

NIGHT OF NIGHTS XV: July 12, 2014

From the Point Reyes National Seashore (California) website:

In the annual "Night of Nights", historic Morse code radio station KPH returns to the air in commemoration of the closing of commercial Morse operation in the USA.

KPH, the ex-RCA coast station located north of San Francisco, returns to the air for commemorative broadcasts every year on July 12 at 5:01 pm PDT (13 July at 0001 GMT). On July 12, 1999, the last commercial Morse transmission in the U.S. was thought to have been broadcast at 5 pm PDT (13 July at 0000 GMT). Now the Maritime Radio Historical Society's own KSM carries on the tradition of commercial Morse. Transmissions are expected to continue until at least midnight PDT (0700 GMT).

Night of Nights is an annual event held on the 12th of July by the Maritime Radio Historical Society (MRHS) to commemorate the history of maritime radio and the closing of commercial Morse operations in the USA. These on-the-air events are intended to honor the men and women who followed the radiotelegraph trade on ships and at coast stations around the world and made it one of honor and skill.

Once, the maritime mobile bands were populated edge to edge with powerful coast stations operating from virtually every country on every continent. Once, the ships of world trade and the great passenger liners filled the air with their radiograms--and with their calls for help when in danger on the sea. Now those bands are largely silent.

http://www.nps.gov/pore/planyourvisit/events_nightofnights.htm

See also:

<http://www.radiomarine.org/>

<EOT>

<STX>

Here are the frequencies of the California transmitters (13 July 2014 0000-0700 UT):

Frequency (kHz) Transmitter Antenna

KPH:

500/426 Henry MF-5000D Marconi T
4247.0 RCA K Set Double Extended Zepp
6477.5 RCA K Set Double Extended Zepp
8642.0 RCA L Set Double Extended Zepp
12808.5 RCA L Set H over 2
17016.8 RCA L Set H over 2
22477.5 RCA H Set H over 2

KFS:

12695.5 Press Wireless W15 H over 2
17026.0 Henry HF-5000D H over 2

KSM:

500/426 Henry MF-5000D Marconi T
8438.3 Henry HF-5000D Double Extended Zepp
12993.0 Henry HF-5000D H over 2
16914.0 Henry HF-5000D H over 2
22445.8 Henry HF-5000D H over 2

K6KPH (amateur radio):

3550.0 Henry HF-5000D Double Extended Zepp
7050.0 RCA L Set Double Extended Zepp
14050.0 Henry HF-5000D H over 2
18097.5 Henry HF-5000D H over 2
21050.0 Henry HF-5000D H over 2

<EOT> <STX>

A list of all frequencies, including those of other U.S. maritime stations which may participate, is available at:

http://www.radiomarine.org/gallery/show?keyword=nonxi&panel=pab1_5#pab1_5

If your CW copying skills are rusty, remember that you can use Fldigi to decode CW.

<EOT>

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(via Roger Thauer, (IC-R75/Boomerang 11m/STUDIO1/FLDigi, D-06193 Petersberg, Germany), dxldyg via DXLD)

12695.5/cw, KFS, Bolinas CA with commemorative messages for Night of Night including header: "CQ CQ CQ DE KPH/KFS/KSM COMMEMORATIVE MESSAGES FOLLOW QSW 426/HF <BT> and this message:

CODH NR 1 CKNC SANFRANCISCO RADIO 13 JULY <BT> ALL SHIPS AND STATIONS <BT> FOLLOWING A SUDDEN AND SEVERE ILLNESS IT IS WITH PLEASURE THAT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE BY MS DENICE A STOOPS, FIRST FEMALE

RADIOTELEGRAPHER AT KPH STA- TION. DENICE HAS JOINED US FOR THIS NIGHT OF NIGHTS EVENT SHE EXTENDS DEEP THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE WISHED HER WELL <AR>" Among other simlar messages and memorials. Good copy; RST 479 0219-0235 13/Jul (Ken Zichi, Port Hope MI2, MARE Tipsheet 18 July via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. IBB changes effective at 0000 UT July 11:

5860, R. Farda 00-02 on 5860 via Kuwait, ex Sri Lanka at 00-01

9780, RFA Uyghur 01-02 via Kuwait, ex-17540 via Tinian

RFA Tibetan via Tinian, 10-11, days change to: Sun 21475, Mon 21465, Tue 21455, Wed 21525, Thu 21505, Fri 21495, Sat 21485

RFA Cantonese via Tinian, 14-15, days change to: Sun 13700, M/W/F 13585, Tue/Thu 13595, Sat 13635.

15720, July 12 at 1700, no signal from VOA Portuguese, another service which has just been canceled in HQ's relentless drive to make Greenville redundant (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. RE radiogram July 5 -6 Hello Roger, I rarely see fuzzy decoded images in your reports, so your image of Eric's Lincoln was a refreshing change. The VOA Radiogram images were excellent. All the best, (Kim Elliott, July 13, via roger, Germany, dxldyg via DXLD)

This time I used the KBC daytime broadcast on 6095 kHz. The conditions in the 49 meter band (here in the vicinity of the transmitter) were sometimes very bad - almost a SWF. Just at the moment of the digital transmission (1 minute) a fade out. The MFSK64 - text has survived it without any problems. But in the picture you can see, however, what was heard: A certain amount of noise. But the quality was again sufficient to identify Eric's vehicle. At halfway reasonable quality of the images I use the opportunity of a program from the analog SSTV-world: the SSTV-image-denoiser This program may very well minimize erroneous horizontal lines in the images. Roger ==>
http://www.rhci-online.de/VoA_Radiogram_2014-07-12.htm
(Roger Thauer, Germany, ibid.)

VOA Radiogram for the weekend of July 12 and 13 will include news about the Night of Nights commemoration of the commercial maritime radiotelegraphy industry.

Details at: bit.ly/1qsD0ds

More information about Night of Nights, July 1300 at 0000-0700, is at:
<http://www.radiomarine.org/>

VOA Radiogram transmission schedule

(all days and times UT)

Sat 0930-1000 5745 kHz

Sat 1600-1630 17860 kHz

Sun 0230-0300 5745 kHz

Sun 1930-2000 15670 kHz

All via the Edward R. Murrow transmitting station in North Carolina

(Kim Elliot, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WORLD OF RADIO 1729 monitoring: confirmed on WWRB, UT Friday July 11, first listening to webcast: 0327 preacher stops abruptly, and after a respectful pause of about a semiminute, WOR playback starts, as usual initially severely overmodulated until turned down to reasonable level; shortly confirmed as also on 3185 instead of 5050, and a good thing, too, as R. Rebeld, see CUBA, is still making a horrible het from 5049.22 or so, way off-frequency from 5025.

A reminder to check for the brand-new airing of WORLD OF RADIO, thanks to KVOH, starting tonight, UT Sundays 0130 on 9975. Also on WRMI 9495 an hour earlier, but may be previous episode.

WORLD OF RADIO 1729 monitoring: tuned in WRMI 9495, UT Sunday July 13 at 0056 to determine which edition is playing --- and no signal. Wonder if transmission permanently deleted, or an anomaly, maybe lightning as Jeff was just talking about on 'VO'. He explains:

``Glenn: We had two different problems with transmitter #9 today, so 9495 and 15770 were both off for certain periods of time. It's fixed now. Brother Stair ends at 2100 and we have End Times Coming at 2100-2115 weekends, followed by other 15-minute programs. European News Network [from Cyprus] will be on 15770 at 2100-2115 Wednesday starting this coming week. But the whole two hours [23-01 UT] on 9495 are kind of up in the air at the moment as far as how long that will go on, so I can't promise anything long-term right now. Jeff``

Standing by for first airing of WOR 1729 on KVOH 9975: tune-in at 0058 UT Sunday July 13 to find it already on the air, Pat Conrad outroing Benny Goodman, in 'Saturday Night Jazz Session', and at 0100 referring to upcoming end of show and sign-off at ``top of the hour'', so certainly pre-recorded and started at an odd time, finally ending at 0123; then some other music fill from 0125; 0130 Ray Robinson with KVOH ID, officially opening the Saturday evening service half an hour earlier than before, with new program, WORLD OF RADIO, which starts at 0131:10. That's just about in time for the 1-minute Radiogram at 0130 from Kim to finish on The Mighty KBC, 9925.

9975.00 is right-on frequency but reception not strong enough here to

overcome summer storm noise level; as usual, modulation a bit muffled with some hum from the old RCA transmitter. They hope to be getting a better one soon, and at least in winter go down to the 49m band at night. Thanks again to Ray Robinson for this new WOR broadcast! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks, Glenn. Instead of increasing our schedule only on UT Sundays to 0100-0400 and leaving UT Mondays at 0200-0400, we decided to change both nights to 0130-0400. Unfortunately, our transmitter operator tonight got a little confused, and brought the transmitter up shortly before 0100, using the same repeated programming that was also going out on our 24x7 webstream. Normally, the carrier should be brought up during the few minutes of silence before the sign-on music starts at 0125 (actually, 01:24:52). As far as output strength goes, we did get an emailed report later on tonight from Jacksonville, Fla, so I guess the old RCA still has enough life left in her to truly cover coast-to-coast! :) (Ray Robinson, KVOH, July 13, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WORLD OF RADIO 1729 monitoring: confirmed on Area 51 webcast starting about a minute early at 0259 UT Monday July 14, and before 0328 also confirmed via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB. Next on SW:

Monday 2100 on WRMI 15770 [new]
Tuesday 1100 on WRMI 9955
Wednesday 0630 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Wednesday 1315 on WRMI 9955
Wednesday 2100 on WBCQ 7490v

WORLD OF RADIO 1729 monitoring: confirmed on webcast of WBCQ, 7490, Wednesday July 16 after 2100.

WORLD OF RADIO 1730: ready for first airing:
UT Thursday 0330 on WRMI 9955
Thursday 1230 on WRMI 9955
Thursday 2100 on WBCQ 7490v
UT Friday 0330v on WWRB 3185 (and/or 5050?)
Saturday 0630 & 1430 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
UT Sunday 0030 on WRMI 9495 (may be 1729)
UT Sunday 0130 on KVOH 9975
UT Monday 0300v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB
Tuesday 1100 on WRMI 9955
Wednesday 0630 & 1430 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Wednesday 1315 on WRMI 9955
Wednesday 2100 on WBCQ 7490

15770, Friday July 11 at 2112 check, WRMI extension another semihour to 2130 again today is merely more BS. Ivo Ivanov provides clips of

WOR reception in Bulgaria on Monday, including:

WRMI Okeechobee, TOM in English to WeEu at 2059 & World of Radio 1728 at 2102 on 15770:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZjuVZML1apM&feature=youtu.be>
[showing WOR was joined late after 2102 on July 7]

WORLD OF RADIO 1729 monitoring: the new airing on WRMI-9, 15770, scheduled for 2100 Mondays: July 14 at 2059:30 BS stops and BZ ID plays, but 2100 BS resumes past 2104 when there is a brief transmission break; finally at 2104:20, WOR 1729 is joined in progress, and ends at 2129, so the playback started on time at 2100 but somehow did not get on the air until over 4 minutes later. (Ivo Ivanov also monitored a delay of 2 or 3 minutes a week earlier). I've asked WRMI to look into correcting this; maybe something to do with the odd 2103 time shown on their graphic frequency schedule. Next:

Tuesday 1100 on 9955 (not checked, but slept)

Wednesday 0630 on HLR 7265-CUSB

Wednesday 1315 on WRMI 9955

Wednesday 1430 on HLR 7265-CUSB

Wednesday 2100 on WBCQ 7490v

WORLD OF RADIO 1729 monitoring: confirmed on WRMI 9955, Wednesday July 16 at 1315 --- fair signal and clear of any QRM, no jamming; unlike before 1300 during Wavescan, which still has annoying off-frequency Chinese from France via TAIWAN, despite there being some open channels available nearby. This started more than a month ago, at 11-13 UT, also damaging the Tue 1100 airing of WOR. Next:

Wednesday 2100 on WBCQ 7490v

We expect to have WOR 1730 ready for first airing:

UT Thursday 0330 on WRMI 9955, and then at 1230 when the Taiwan collision will again mar it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WORLD OF RADIO PODCASTS: Hi Glenn, at the moment we have technical problems with our web site. This is the reason why we cannot offer your WOR Podcast. I try to find a solution for the problem in the next time. I contact you when the Podcast is available again. 73 (Lutz, DL1ROC, Winkler, RMRC Webmaster, 0604 UT July 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I used to use that RSS feed for listening to WOR as a podcast and with it not working at the moment I have set up <http://shortwave.am/wor.xml> --- It automatically checks for a the next filename in the series (e.g. wor1731.mp3, wor1732.mp3 etc.) every night at 0600 GMT and if it doesn't get a "file not found" error it adds the latest podcast to the XML file. As long as the filenames continue in that format it should work indefinitely. At the moment it's just got 1730 on but it will build up with each subsequent podcast added to it (Stephen Cooper,

July 17) Thanks, Stephen! (gh)

** U S A. 15190, July 11 at 2114, R. Africa Net via WRMI, revival music with hum. Wiggle that patchcord!

15770, Saturday July 12 at 2103, it seems WRMI has some otherpreacher than BS on now, apparently a quarter-hourer, as recheck at 2121, now it's Jeff in 'Viva Miami', or is it 'Viva Okichobi'? about how they get T-storms just about every afternoon June-November, with lightning strikes damaging equipment (and no doubt resulting in lost airtime). Then good news from Dave Zantow about plasma TVs being phased out of produxion, ``fading to black by 2016'', likely to lessen QRM to SW. Shux, I never got one. Then preview of the EDXC Conference Sept 19-22 on the French Riviera (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also WORLD OF RADIO monitoring ---

[and non]. 9955, July 16 at 0100, WRMI is completely obliterated by wall-of-noise jamming; by 0115 it has diminished a bit and now can hear some Miami music, i.e. 'Trova Libre', the only Cubanish program during this timeslot, but it's more musical than political. The heavy jamming before 0100 hits R. Slovakia International, weekdays in English at 0030 UT Tue-Sat. Looks like the DentoCuban Jamming Command still hasn't adjusted for DST, as Radio Libertad is now at 23-24 instead of 00-01.

BTW, 9955 program schedule grid has just been updated as of July 15:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/ccc?>

key=0AivhtkIEGb3_dEN0bnZrMkt1YmtUWGxkbkd3TGNz0Xc&hl=en#gid=0

I don't see any major changes but I notice that the weekly from Cyprus, EU News Network, now has some more airings: Wed 0415, 1300, Thu 0145, Sun 0400 (and Jeff told me it would also be on 15770 Wed 2100). I listened to the 1300 Wed airing before WOR, and must say it's chock-full of news about European events, well-done. They announced the 15770 airing, but not the Sun 0400, too new (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9975, KVOH California with "Saturday Night Jazz Session". LOTS of really 'good olde tyme jass' music (well this show featured stuff from the 1970s so not THAT olde, but still good!) and the occasional Bible verse about gratitude. If they aren't careful, they will get a reputation as being a SANE Bible bumper, a bit like the old HCJB -- fun to listen to & not just to mock the crazy. 54+4+43+ modulation was a little weak, 0320-0400* 13/Jul (Ken Zichi, Port Hope MI2, MARE Tipsheet 18 July via DXLD)

No hay caso: hay algo que anda mal en el transmisor de KVOH en la banda de 16 metros. Aquí en Montevideo se la copia con una seðal

sÙlida, pero con el audio ostensiblemente bajo, como puede notarse en este clip grabado hace unos momentos.

<http://youtu.be/vK537z-RcEY>

(Rodolfo Tizzi <http://cx2abp.blogspot.com/> July 16, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** U S A. WWRB Antenna Config Enquiry --- I was wondering if any member in the group had visited the WWRB transmitter site complex or been near the site? Jerry & myself have been attempting to draw some antenna layout diagrams for this unusual site.

Some of the antenna configuration has been determined - but not all. Personally I'm confused as to what they mean by a wide spaced Yagi (reference to the WWRB website) & exactly where this wide spaced Yagi is located in reference to masts on the site. If anyone can shed any light on the subject we would be pleased to hear from you. 73's (Ian, July 12, Shortwavesites YG via DXLD)

5050, July 16 at 0059, WWRB with BS, and 3185 open carrier; or was it? recheck 0105 it's the Tourette gospel huxter who explodes between long pauses to build up steam (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 12105, July 11 at 1731 check, WTWW-3 is off again but 2 and 1 are on, 9930 and 9475.

9930, July 12 at 1706 check, WTWW-2 has a double-helping of BS, i.e. a quick echo. No sign of a separate signal, such as a SAH, so presumably both coming out of WTWW. (IIRC there was once a clash with Palau, not any more.) This and the other two transmitters are all on now, 9475 and 12105 with separate PPP stuff, and all are relatively weak compared to neighbor WWCR on 9980 and 12160, so I conclude WTWW must be running at considerably reduced power. 12160 is carrying the old-record show.

5085, July 13 at 0058, Ted Randall's QSO show thinks he is live on WTWW 12105, where there is really dramatic Russian biling for another minute or two. It's yet another playback from the Dayton Hamvention in May, the same stuff over and over, or does he have multiple episodes?

9475, July 14 at 0122, audio from Pastor Pete Peters is breaking up severely, unusable; while 12105 & 5085 are OK; seems it's always something from WTWW.

12105, July 14 at 0515, very poor signal, but ID in English as WTWW amid blues or revival music. Another unexplained extra transmission, usually not on after 0200.

5830, July 15 at 1245, WTWW-1 is missing, not on 9475 either; while

5085, WTWW-2 is on with BS.

12105, July 16 at 0052, very poor signal in Russian, so WTWW-3 is on but underpowered? for post-midnite in Moscow, and also seems undermodulated; other transmitters on 9475 and 5085 are VG.

12105, July 16 at 2316, WTWW-3 still in Yoruba after midnight in Nigeria; only fair signal instead of usual bigsig. On low power or is it propagation? Generally below normal today (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 15825, Sat July 12 at 2105, WWCR-1 is airing 'Musical Memories with Martha Garvin', OL banging away at her piano and belting out seldom-heard hymns; and she keeps diddling on the keys even during breaks between tunes. Alan Roe finds her ``creepy'' [sic; see correxion below]; not sure I would go that far. She's obviously totally bought into the religion Paul created some 1900 years ago, convinced that God is anthropomorphic and obviously a Christian. I do enjoy some of this music as a cultural artifact. Initially VG signal is due to sporadic E boost, MUF at least up to 16 MHz, and/or shortening the skip zone over the 1-megameter distance from Nashville. But at 2112 the 15825 signal starts going into deep fades down to nothing, and by 2124 stays gone. There are several other airtimes of her show on WWCR and the ilk.

4840, July 13 at 0118, I also run across WWCR's less contentious, more secular, old-record musical program, strangely titled 'The Talking Machine Show', apparently starting at 0100 UT Sundays. No fade-out problems here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re gh's previous report: ``Hi Glenn, I said that I find Martha Gavin comes across as "a slightly imposing, almost scary, figure". I didn't say that I find her "creepy", and I certainly don't think that. The word "creepy" suggests to me repulsion in some way - and I do not think that at all. Instead, it is clear that she is a committed Christian who is intent on getting across her love of that through her music - and it is her intensity that I find just a little bit imposing. It's not my sort of music, but it's not a bad program and I do recognise that many may enjoy it, which is why I thought that I would give it a mention - hidden away as it is amongst the many programs broadcast by WWCR. Alan Roe, Teddington, UK``

! So you did; sorry. I'm wondering how ``creepy'' crept into my erroneous memory of the item, as I had not thought of her that way either. Searching the DXLD archive on ``creepy'' finds it most recently used by Dan Sheedy about the closing music from Station YHWH, and it's also been applied to the robo-kids on KJES. BTW, as on her website, it's Garvin, not Gavin (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Updated schedule of WHRI Angel # 2 on 11635:
0445-0500 11635 HRI 250 kW / 047 deg WEu English Sun Eternal Good News
0500-0600 11635 HRI 250 kW / 047 deg WEu English Sat/Sun
0500-0515 11635 HRI 250 kW / 047 deg WEu French Fri
0515-0600 11635 HRI 250 kW / 047 deg WEu English Fri
0530-0600 11635 HRI 250 kW / 047 deg WEu English Mon-Thu, ex 0500-0600
Videos on July 10 and 11:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/07/cancelled-broadcasts-of-whri-angel-2.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, July 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WHRI Angel#2 on 11635 was back to its usual schedule, except for EGN
0500-0600 on 11635 HRI 250 kW / 047 deg to WEu English Sat-Thu
0500-0515 on 11635 HRI 250 kW / 047 deg to WEu French Fri
0515-0600 on 11635 HRI 250 kW / 047 deg to WEu English Fri
0445-0500 on 11635 HRI 250 kW / 047 deg to WEu English Sun EGN*
*Eternal Good News, no signal on July 13.

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, July 14, dxldyg via DXLD)

11635, Monday July 14 at 0514, WHRI is already on with hymns, too good a signal to be aimed at right angle to us. Other days it starts at 0530, or changed? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 14-15 UT July 11: 11715.978, KJES Vado, sermon, repeat by many woman chorus prayer (Wolfgang B.schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 14-15 UT July 11: 15550, WJHR Milton, FL in pure USB mode like J3E, audio portion visible in screen at +250 to +2800 Hertz range only. 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B.schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 670, July 15 at 0553 UT, nulling WSCR Chicago I immediately hear ``hog call'', so KHGZ Glenwood AR, 5 kW daytimer is again on air in the nightmiddle; rather gets in the way of Cuba in same direxion (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 750, July 12 at 0543 UT, KAMA El Paso with UnivisiÛn AmÈrica talk about Tejas Gob. Perry, way atop poor WSB Atlanta, as KAMA is obviously running 10 kW ND again instead of 250W ND or 1 kW westward as authorized.

750, July 13 at 0601 UT, KAMA El Paso in Spanish again over WSB; maybe just propagational variation, but an hour earlier it was not like that. I wonder if they switch to 10 kW ND around local midnight, hoping no one will notice?

750, July 15 at 0557 UT, PSA in Spanish about kids, way over WSB from

opposite direxion, so KAMA El Paso TX cheating again (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This morning 7-15 from 1110 to 1130 UT, right after WSB fadeout, brings KAMA in poorly at best with deep fades. From what I can understand, at 1115 with news in Spanish about Tracy Morgan. Evidently he made a public appearance yesterday when watching CNN later that morning. Around 1120 I understood what was a Home Depot ad followed by another ad. The news anchors were a man and a woman each taking turns with stories. Similar to hearing this albeit fainter the previous morning.

There were deep fades-a minute or two at a time. At 1129 Portage IN signed on and seconds later 740 WDGY signed on ruining 750 with their newly acquired IBOC.

I then turned to 770 to hear KKOB in with a fair signal clear and alone. Seems mundane except this is the strongest I've heard them this summer at this time of my sunrise enhancement.

The week and a half before July 4. KAMA was in almost every weekday morning. After Glenn reported KAMA "fixed" I was pretty sure during the aforementioned time frame I was pretty sure I was hearing them. The last two days I am convinced this is KAMA.

Remember that in the past I have reported 1010 Amarillo, 1060 KIJN Farwell (cheating) and other SW stations coming in such as 800 XEROX, 770 KKOB 780 KCEG during this sunrise enhancement time frame. I would appreciate some feedback on my analysis (Todd Skaine, Woodbury MN, Using 2004 Toyota Avalon factory radio, ABDX via DXLD)

750, July 16 at 0503 UT, Spanish talk from west continues to dominate the frequency, impossiblizing audibility of WSB Atlanta; i.e. KAMA El Paso with UnivisiÛn AmÈrica programming, 10 kW ND apparently on day facility; so also before local midnite (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WABC 770 transmitter anomaly --- I am not sure if this is already well known or not, but WABC appears to be dealing with a transmitter issue as viewed on an overnight waterfall spectrum capture of 770 kHz from July 7-8. I have an image posted on my blog at <http://www.swldx.us/blog/?p=1294>
73, (Brandon Jordan, Fayette County, TN, July 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Brandon, I don't see any kind of artifact here tonight on 770 when zooming in with my Perseus (Sylvain Naud, Portneuf, QC, Perseus + 350ft short Beverage NE-SW, 0328 UT July 11, IRCA via DXLD)

Hi Sylvain, Thanks, I will take a look again this evening. Perhaps they fixed it or it may just be that isn't as noticeable in a real time waterfall, except that you would see WABC slowly drifting. I discovered this a few nights ago when I noticed that WABC was quite a bit off frequency, and while I was measuring the off-set I noticed the drifting and a few minutes later heard a loud crackling noise and found the carrier had jumped down to the lower offset. Only after setting up the overnight waterfall recording did the unusual drifting pattern become evident. 73, (Brandon Jordan, TN, *ibid.*)

** U S A. 1140, July 13 at 1156 UT, sax music, outro as 'All That Jazz' show, I think from KCXL, same one with 1158 UT weather, 1159 UT YL English ID as ``KCXL, Liberty [MO], 1140 AM and 102.9 FM''. However, it was interrupted at 1157 UT by Mexican music in volatile post-sunrise skip, no doubt KLTK Centerton AR. Sunday morning ghetto allows commercial stations to do something different of possible minority interest (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. KGY AM 1240 SOLD TO CATHOLIC BROADCASTING COMPANY
From The Olympian of Olympia, WA dated July 1, 2014:

It is the end of an era for KGY AM 1240. The longtime owners of the station announced Monday that it has been sold for \$250,000 to Sacred Heart Radio, a Catholic broadcasting company based in the Seattle area.

The sale is subject to review by the Federal Communications Commission, which is expected to take 45 days. Once approved, it will end the Kerry family's ties to the historic station. Nick Kerry, whose greatgrandfather, Tom Olsen, bought the station in 1939, said the sale is bittersweet because of the history and legacy behind the station. "But I'm pleased it's going to continue to be part of the community," he added.

Kerry currently is business manager for KGY 95.3 FM and KAYO 96.9 FM, two stations that will remain part of KGY Inc., and that will remain in the historic building that is perched on port peninsula property that overlooks Budd Inlet. Nick's aunt, Jennifer Kerry, is president of the business. She said in a statement that the changing media landscape makes this the right time to put the company's emphasis on the two FM stations. "The sale will expand the radio offerings in Olympia from a very well respected religious broadcaster," she said.

Sacred Heart Radio has operated a nonprofit radio station -- KBLE 1050 AM -- in the Seattle area for more than 13 years. President Ron Belter said Sacred Heart is always looking for opportunities to expand. By re-broadcasting in the Olympia market it will enhance its coverage at

night and indoors. KBLE can picked up in a car from Centralia to Bellingham, he said, but indoors the signal isn't as strong. It will enhance the coverage where it is weaker, he said about the acquisition. KBLE broadcasts eight to 10 hours of live call-in programming, as well as devotionals and live programming from the Vatican during Easter and Christmas, he said.

KGY's origins date to the early 20th century when it was a radio station at Saint Martin's College. It later was officially licensed as KGY in 1922, Nick Kerry said. It was at 1210 AM, with operating power of 100 watts, in 1939. After the Second World War, the station moved up the dial to 1240 AM. It currently is licensed at 1,000 watts (via Reid Wheeler of Olympia, WA, via Eric Bueneman of Hazelwood, MO, IRCA DX Monitor July 12 via DXLD) (I smell a call change on this — EiC, *ibid.*)

** U S A. 1520, July 13 at 1203 UT, distinctive voice of CRI newscaster in English can be heard mixing with KOKC, making slow SAH, i.e. KYND Cypress TX again, the ChiCom access to Houstonians with ordinary radios, bleeding over past Oklahoma City (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 94-watt TV Es --- Here's a capture of 94-watt LPTV KLUF-LP ch 5 Lufkin, TX from May 26th. Text ID & TBN logo upper right. This LPTV has been received several times here.

<http://dxinfocentre.com/pix/5-Lufkin.JPG>
-- (William R Hepburn (VEM30NT22), July 12, WTFDA via DXLD)

OK, but sure hard for me to make out anything in the blur. 1878 km = 1167 miles. That would be 12.4 miles per watt (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Dear Glenn, When you think about public media — public radio and television stations — what comes to mind? Quality local, national and international news programming? Check. The safest and most trusted educational children's programming? Check. Music, historical and cultural programming that you won't hear or see anywhere else? Check.

But what accessory is the ultimate display of public media pride? A tote bag, of course. And Protect My Public Media, a collaboration of more than 400 local public radio and television stations, wants you to design our first official tote bag. The person with the winning design will get an iPad mini!

By Friday, August 1, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. ET, submit your tote bag design inspired by your local public media stations and the programs you love. Your design should illustrate your personal experiences with public radio and television stations and reflect how your stations

enrich your life and connects you with your community. Tote bag designers, here is what you need to know:
<http://protectmympublicmedia.org/2014/07/10/design-1st-tote-bag-win-ipad-mini/>
(PMPM mailing list via gh, DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. VOICE OF RUSSIA CLOSES WASHINGTON BUREAU, SACKS STAFF: see RUSSIA [non]

** VANUATU. 3945, Radio Vanuatu at 1207 in Bislama, soft vocals, 1212 male announcer and into anthem for a minute until 1213:30 then dead air - Poor July 12 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, listening in my car by the lake with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DX LISTENING DIGEST) On a Saturday when Japan signs off much earlier (gh, ibid.)

** VIETNAM. VIETNAME, 6165, R. Voz do Vietname, Xuan Mai, 2209-2221, 13/7, mongue, texto, canÁies; 34342, QRM adj. da CHN 6175 com progra,a em portuguís, via retransm. europeia. 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** YEMEN. Extended broadcasts of R.Sana'a in Arabic for Ramazan, but not daily:

1500-1615 on 6135 ALH 050 kW / non-dir to N/ME. Videos on July 5:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gf9Aq5afDzE&feature=youtu.be>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=33Zowt7I_5M&feature=youtu.be
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUMCXJzwCik&feature=youtu.be>

1525-1555 on 6135 ALH 050 kW / non-dir to N/ME. Videos on July 8:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lsg1kxv5q4U&feature=youtu.be>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZHYYvNQG9bM&feature=youtu.be>

1523-1608 on 6135 ALH 050 kW / non-dir to N/ME. Videos on July 10:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-pY0z3qK6VY&feature=youtu.be>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gbB8Em0VyC8&feature=youtu.be>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TSaCjtiD_5k&feature=youtu.be
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ufJZ0L4G_6k&feature=youtu.be
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6aE9MBdZXHA&feature=youtu.be>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1i2hpeAQ4kM&feature=youtu.be>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, DX Re Mix July 11 via DXLD)

Extended broadcasts of Radio Sana'a in Arabic for Ramazan, today
1522-1607 on 6135 ALH 050 kW / non-dir to N/ME. Five videos July 16:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/07/radio-sanaa-in-arabic-for-ramazan.html>
(Ivo Ivanov, Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1730, DXLD)

** ZAMBIA. Z-MBIA, 5915, ZNBC-Radio 1, Lusaka, 2241-2252, 11/7, dialecto local, m'sica pop' africana; 45332. 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZANZIBAR. 11735.02, 2040-2100* 07.07, Zanzibar Broadcasting Corp., Dole Swahili talk, childrens choir, 2059 closing ann mentioning Ramadan, abrupt s/off 45444 AP-DNK, Best 73, (Anker Petersen here in the summerheat in Skovlunde. Receiver AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 2660, July 11 at 0120 UT, JBA carrier, presumed the second harmonic of 1330 KG LD Tyler TX as IDed last year, and audiblized now tnx to semi-hour power outage in the neighborhood for line repair following breakage in a storm last night, thus lowering the noise level now, and not much atmospheric noise either for midsummer. Power cut back on at 0121. Meanwhile a wabbit has been busily munching some weeds in the middle of the yard a few feet away, while keeping an eye on me (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4750+, July 13 at 1214, JBA carrier very slightly on the hi side compared with BFO on the FRG-7 MHz dial to stations on 9750, 11750. Assuming RRI Makassar is still AWOL, that was more on the lo side, so this would be Bangladesh, or China? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5965 on July 16. Checking on Radio Klasik (Malaysia) on 5964.68, as I normally do about 1132, but today for the first time found what seemed to be white noise jamming, completely blocking Radio Klasik. Against who? Is there someone new on 5965? Needs more monitoring (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9625v, July 14 at 1348, low audible heterodyne (LAH) but no modulation audible, meaning two stations, at least one of which is off-frequency. EiBi and Aoki show the only pair active at this hour are Channel Africa and Radio Fides, Bolivia; yet I strongly suspect the perpetual off-frequencier, R. Taiwan international, warming up to start Vietnamese at 1400, probably vs South Africa, longpath? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED [and non]. 11784v, July 15 at 1255, wavering het upon 11785, unusual. 11785 is VOA Chinese via Thailand, with of course CNR1 jamming. Wondered if it were Voice of Indonesia, trying to reactivate 11785, the long-gone frequency they still include in every announcement along with equally imaginary 15150; but there's a carrier still on 9526. Maybe it's just additional jamming. After 1300, however het is gone, while VOA continues via Philippines but now CNR1 jamming is totally dominant. Another possibility, R. Guaiba, Brasil, which has been inactive so long it's not even in Aoki, yet in the WRTH 2014. With 250 kW from Brasilia on 11780, 7.5 kW from Porto Alegre is hardly an option (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

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ACKNOWLEDGED ON WORLD OF RADIO 1730:

Thanks to Jan R. Schrader, Nixa MO, for a check in the mail to P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702.

One may also contribute, not necessarily in US funds, via PayPal to woradio at yahoo.com

LANGUAGE LESSONS

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PHONETIC MELTDOWN

Thought y'all would enjoy this, Yes, I got permission from the artist to forward it:

Broadside of the Week, June 30, 2014

<http://blogs.militarytimes.com/broadside/2014/06/30/broadside-of-the-week-june-30-2014/>

(via Gordon WB6JVP Levine, swl at qth.net via DXLD)

CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES

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2014 IRCA 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION ñ BILLINGS, MONTANA

The 2014 IRCA 50th Anniversary Convention will be held in Billings, Montana on September 19th and 20th. John and Nancy Johnson of Mesa, Arizona are your convention hosts and will arrive a couple of days before the convention. The convention will be held at the Lexington Inn & Suites by Vantage located at 3040 King Avenue West. IRCA members are eligible to receive a special room rate of \$95.00(US) per night plus 7% Lodging Tax & \$1.00(US) TBID fees. A limited block of rooms have been set aside so you will want to make your reservations early. Please mention "IRCA-International Radio Club of America" when making your reservation for the special IRCA member's rate. You may call them directly at 406-294-9090 or toll-free 1-877-488-4649. You will need to give them a credit card number and check-in and check-out dates. They do offer an airport shuttle. The parking area is quite large. With this rate you will enjoy the following COMPLIMENTARY top quality amenities to enhance your stay

A 100% SMOKE-FREE and PET FREE to ensure a healthy environment, Guest rooms featuring beautiful furniture, sitting areas, spacious bright bathrooms, pillow-top mattresses, upgraded bed and bath linens and exceptionally quiet rooms,

New Panasonic flat-screen TVs, iHome radios, Comfortable and well-lit workspaces with secure high-speed internet desk access,

Voice mail and free local calls within the (406) area code, Free Internet ñ wired and wireless, Indoor swimming pool with hot tub, changing room and outdoor patio, fitness center, Hot continental breakfast. Some gluten items available for purchase.

For more information about Lexington Inn & Suites by Vantage go to LexingtonBillings.com

Radio station tours will be scheduled for Friday morning and afternoon. A tour of Connoisseur Mediaís stations is almost finalized. Stations include News-talk KYYA-730, ESPN KBLG-910, Sky KRKX-94.1, The Zone KRZN-96.3, MY 105.9 KWMY, and KLPN-106.7 The Planet. Details will be updated as more tours are added. There will also be a tour of KTVQ 2.1 / Billings CW 2.2 on Friday evening to watch a live production of the 10 PM News. Tours are subject to availability of guides and may be subject to change. There will be several talks presented during the convention.

Tentative Schedule:

Friday September 19

9 AM ñ registrations
10 AM ñ Station Tour
11 AM ñ Station Tour
12 PM ñ Open Lunch
2 PM ñ Station Tour
3 PM ñ Station Tour
4 PM ñ Open session
6 PM ñ Pizza Ranch ñ IRCA picks up the tab
7:30 PM ñ Talk
9 PM ñ KTVQ tour lasting through 10 PM Newscast

Saturday September 20

10 AM ñ Talk
11 AM ñ Talk
12-2 PM ñ Open Lunch
2 PM ñ Talk
3 PM ñ Talk
4 PM ñ IRCA Business meeting
5 PM ñ Open session

6 PM ñ Banquet ñ Montana Rib & Chop House
8 PM ñ Auction

Hungry? You'll discover Billings, Montana is filled with numerous places to eat. There is a Johnny Carino's adjacent to the convention hotel. A few blocks away there is a Pizza Ranch where we will gather on Friday evening. IRCA will pay for this event. Pizza Ranch is a buffet facility featuring pizza and broasted chicken. You can even ask for them to make a pizza your way. The Saturday night convention banquet will be held at the Montana Rib and Chop House.

Registration for club* members is just \$35.00(US) (Does NOT include the banquet ñ details of the banquet will be announced later). Non-club member's registration is \$50.00(US) which includes a one year membership in the IRCA. (Hint: Save money, a one year membership in the IRCA is less than the increased registration fee for non-members. Join the IRCA now.) You may pay in advance by check or PayPal. If paying by PayPal, please add \$1.00(US) to cover the \$1.34(US) additional charges added on by PayPal. Use this PayPal address: john@johninmontana.com and include a message that the money is for the IRCA convention registration. If paying via check, make that out to John C Johnson and mail to 2922 S Olivewood, Mesa, AZ 85212-2923.

* Club membership in IRCA, NRC, or WTFDA qualifies for the \$35.00(US) registration fee. Non club members are encouraged to join the IRCA.

More details about the convention will be announced later. Check out the IRCA Facebook site too! If you have any questions please contact John Johnson at john@johninmontana.com (via Phil Bytheway, IRCA, DXLD)

If I were going to Billings in September, I would sure combine it with a tour of some of our greatest national parks in MT and WY! (gh, DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See OKLAHOMA
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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See also GERMANY; TAIWAN
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DRM INAUGURAL PRESENTATION, 2003

Salve, dexistas! Achei h· alguns dias aqui em casa um CD-ROM de 2003 contendo uma apresentação do DRM em Flash. O nome do CD é 2003: The year of DRM's inaugural broadcasts. A produção é da própria Digital Radio Mondiale.

O conteúdo do CD é muito grande para carregar nos arquivos da Lista Radioescutas. Mas carreguei os dois arquivos do CD em um arquivo

zipado na minha pasta p' blica do Dropbox:
<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/96724554/DRM.zip>
Quem tiver interesse pode ir l· e baixar. 73s, (Valter Aguiar,
Curitiba - PR, July 16, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM

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IT'S ALIVE!!!! AEREO LURCHES BACK TO LIFE, SORT OF
By Harry Cole, CommLawBlog, July 10, 2014

Trying to make lemonade out of the lemon handed to it by the Supreme Court, Aereo has come up with Plan B.

The best stories never really end when you think they're going to, do they? There's always a nifty twist that keeps the plot chugging along.

So we really didn't expect that the Supreme Court's decision was the last word in the Aereo case, did we? And right we were.

After pulling the plug on its service within a couple of days after taking a seeming knock-out punch from the Supreme Court, Aereo has come up with a plan. According to a letter filed by Aereo with Judge Alison Nathan of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York (where the Aereo saga first got our attention back in 2012), Aereo is now a cable company that is entitled — by Congress, thank you very much — to retransmit over-the-air broadcast programming. As long, that is, as Aereo files the necessary statements of account and royalty fees required of cable systems. And in its letter Aereo advises that it is proceeding to file just those items.

Following the adage about making lemonade when handed lemons, Aereo has taken the Supreme Court's decision and tried to turn it to Aereo's advantage. Since the Supreme Court said that Aereo is highly similar to a conventional cable company, well then (according to Aereo), Aereo is a cable system and, therefore, is entitled to a license under Section 111 of the Copyright Act.

And even if it is not entitled to such a license, Aereo is got another argument. The Supreme Court concluded that Aereo is like a cable system because Aereo provides "near simultaneous" retransmissions of over-the-air programming. So (Aereo reasons) if Aereo's service were to be limited to delayed (i.e., not near simultaneous) retransmissions — providing, instead, essentially an elaborate recording-and-playback service — then Aereo would no longer be like a cable system and would no longer be subject to the terms of the Supreme Court's decision. (Blogmeister's Note: Props to the Swami, Kevin Goldberg, for seeing this argument coming.) Continued:

<http://www.commlawblog.com/2014/07/articles/broadcast/its-alive-aereo-lurches-back-to-life-sort-of/index.html>

-or-

<http://tinyurl.com/l6ytcdw>

But cable TV companies have to comply with ***two*** federal laws: The Copyright Act of 1976 and the Cable TV Act of 1992 Paying copyright fees might satisfy Aereo's claim to be in compliance with the Copyright Act but it doesn't bring it into compliance with the Cable Act. If the district court buys Aereo's argument this time, the broadcasters would sue them again (via Neal McLain, July 10, WFTDA via DXLD)

PROPAGATION

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VHF TRANSATLANTIC BARRIER BEING BROKEN

SARL NEWS SUNDAY 13 JULY 2014

After reporting on the massive effort on the trans Atlantic VHF communication record news has broken during this week that this last bastion of the VHF bands has been half conquered.

Terry Gabriel, M0VRL, at Delabole, Cornwall, England, heard a weak JT65 signal, in and out of the noise, on 144.155 MHz around 1153 UT on Saturday morning 5th July 2014, which occurred during the transatlantic tests conducted by VC1T, a Canadian team. Terry has a big station and shares an IARU Region 1 Tropo distance record of 4106 km with D44TD in Cape Verde Islands, established on 144 MHz SSB. The distance between VC1T, locator GN37os at Pouch Cove, Newfoundland, and M0VRL, locator I070po, is 3457 km! They are now using WSJT 9.7, which is the latest digital version available and feeding 800 Watts into a 43 element Yagi with a gain of 24 dBd.

Breathtaking news occurred on July 6th at 1341 UT when John Regnault, G4SWX VHF Manager of the RSGB, received a CQ meteor burst (FSK441 mode) from VC1T. It was confirmed that the received burst was in the format transmitted by VC1T. They started the 4 hours timeframe and no further information on chat or e-mail exchanged. During that timeframe G4SWX received 3 other bursts from which 2 were CQ and one other where only the VC1T call sign was readable. Screenshots from WSJT are available as well as maps from the current tropo situation on the North-Atlantic. The Hepburn Forecasts of the North Atlantic have indicated very poor Tropo Ducting conditions so far, but there is a chance that tropospheric conditions could improve from 11 - 12 July 2014 when the tests come to an end.

A terrestrial two-way contact between North America and Europe has not

been achieved so far on 144 MHz, and it appears to be even more challenging than making EME contacts over a total distance of 800 000 km on this band.

You are tuned to a bulletin of the South African radio league ZS6SRL
<http://www.sarl.org.za>
(Found on Skywaves list via Mike Bugaj, July 16, WTFDA via DXLD)

Tsk2, those hams find one-way communication somehow inadequate (gh)

GEOMAGNETIC INDICES

Compiled by: Phil Bytheway

Geomagnetic Summary June 1 2014 through June 30 2014

Tabulated from email status daily (K @ 0000 UTC.)

Date	Flux	A	K	Space	Wx
1	103	5	1	no	storms
2	105	5	3	no	storms
3	107	7	1	minor,	R1
4	105	5	2	no	storms
5	111	7	3	no	storms
6	133	6	2	minor,	R1
7	137	13	4	no	storms
8	149	39	2	moderate,	G2
9	161	5	1	no	storms
10	166	7	2	strong,	R3
11	168	7	1	strong,	R3
12	175	4	1	minor,	R1
13	153	5	2	minor,	R1
14	144	8	2	minor,	R1
15	130	5	1	minor,	R1
16	117	5	1	no	storms
17	114	8	3	no	storms
18	111	16	5	minor,	G1
19	111	8	2	no	storms
20	102	9	3	no	storms
21	101	6	1	no	storms
22	94	4	2	no	storms
23	93	5	3	no	storms
24	94	6	1	no	storms
25	97	6	2	no	storms
26	100	5	1	no	storms
27	104	4	1	no	storms
28	115	6	1	no	storms
29	126	8	3	no	storms
30	141	6	1	no	storms

Sx ñ Solar Radiation Storm Level

Gx ñ Geomagnetic Storm Level

Rx ñ Radio Blackouts Level
(IRCA DX Monitor July 12 via DXLD)

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<http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/weekly.html>

Weekly Highlights and Forecasts
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Highlights of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 07 - 13 July 2014

Solar activity reached moderate levels this week with M-class flares observed from Regions 2113 (N07, L=165, class/area=Cao/80 on 07 July) and 2106 (N14, L=264, class/area=Cao/120 on 09 July). The largest was an M6/2B event (R2 - moderate radio blackout) from Region 2113 on 08 July at 1520 UTC. This event was accompanied by Type II (949 km/s) and IV radio emissions but the CME, observed in SOHO/LASCO C2 coronagraph imagery at 1636 UTC, was directed north of the ecliptic and east of the Earth-Sun line.

Approximately eight hours later, this same region produced an M1 (R1 - minor radio blackout) event at 09/0026 UTC, also accompanied by a Type II emission (1187 km/s). A faint CME emerged from the east limb beginning at about 09/0125 UTC in SOHO/LASCO C2 coronagraph imagery. Again, this CME was judged not to be Earth-directed.

Also on the 9th, an approximately 18 degree long filament, centered near S02E11, was observed in SDO AIA/304 imagery erupting between 09/1640-1757 UTC. SOHO/LASCO C2 imagery showed the CME emerging shortly before 09/1900 UTC. The CME was analyzed, modeled, and predicted to arrive at Earth around midday on 13 July.

On the 10th, Region 2106 produced an M1(R1 - minor) flare at 2234 UTC without any accompanying radio emissions.

The remainder of the week was characterized by C-class activity despite the presence of large, complex regions on the visible disk. Region 2108 (S07, L=239, class/area=Ekc/890 on 08 July) was the largest and developed a beta-gamma-delta configuration, yet produced only C-flares.

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit was at low levels throughout the week.

Planetary geomagnetic field activity was mostly quiet during the week with the exception of the last synoptic period of 09 July and the first of 10 July, which were unsettled. At high latitudes, geomagnetic field activity reached active levels, with an isolated minor storm episode, on 12 July. Solar wind speed remained in the 300 km/s to the low 400 km/s range, steadily increasing from 08 July until midday on 10 July, after which it began to decline. Bz never dipped below -10 nT all week. After 13/0830 UTC, Bt began to increase significantly, nearing 11 nT by the end of the day. Phi was generally positive throughout the week, with the exception of a brief rotation to negative territory early on 12 July, which may have contributed to the disturbed conditions at high latitudes.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 14 JULY - 09 AUGUST 2014

Solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels (R1 - minor) throughout the forecast period, with an increased chance for moderate levels of activity after 24 July as the larger active regions begin to return.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal to moderate levels throughout the period.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at quiet to unsettled levels in the absence of any transients. Recurrent features are expected to bring unsettled to active conditions from 14-16 July, and on 26 July.

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:Product: 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table 27D0.txt
:Issued: 2014 Jul 14 0501 UTC
# Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction
Center
# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web
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#
#      27-day Space Weather Outlook Table
#      Issued 2014-07-14
#
#      UTC      Radio Flux      Planetary      Largest
#      Date      10.7 cm      A Index      Kp Index
2014 Jul 14      120          8          3
2014 Jul 15      115          12         4
2014 Jul 16      110          8          3
2014 Jul 17      105          5          2
2014 Jul 18      105          5          2
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2014	Jul	19	100	5	2
2014	Jul	20	95	5	2
2014	Jul	21	95	5	2
2014	Jul	22	100	5	2
2014	Jul	23	100	5	2
2014	Jul	24	105	5	2
2014	Jul	25	110	5	2
2014	Jul	26	115	8	3
2014	Jul	27	125	5	2
2014	Jul	28	135	5	2
2014	Jul	29	140	5	2
2014	Jul	30	145	5	2
2014	Jul	31	145	5	2
2014	Aug	01	150	5	2
2014	Aug	02	155	5	2
2014	Aug	03	150	5	2
2014	Aug	04	150	5	2
2014	Aug	05	150	5	2
2014	Aug	06	145	5	2
2014	Aug	07	140	5	2
2014	Aug	08	135	5	2
2014	Aug	09	125	5	2

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